



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF  
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION  
2 ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2015, ON PAGE 164]

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6 [GAVEL]

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8 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. WELCOME, EVERYONE, TO THE  
9 LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DECEMBER 8TH, 2015  
10 MEETING. WE WILL COME TO ORDER. BEFORE WE BEGIN THIS MORNING,  
11 HOWEVER, I'D LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO ASK FOR A MOMENT OF  
12 SILENCE FOR ALL THE VICTIMS OF THE TRAGEDY THAT HAPPENED IN  
13 SAN BERNARDINO ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER THE 2ND. AND IN  
14 PARTICULAR I WANT TO CITE, AND I JUST LEARNED THIS, THAT ONE  
15 OF MY FRIENDS, CLOSE FRIEND FROM EL MONTE, WHO IS NOW CITY  
16 COUNCILMAN, ONE OF HIS NIECES, YVETTE VELASCO, WAS ONE OF THE  
17 VICTIMS THAT LOST HER LIFE IN SAN BERNARDINO. SO IF WE COULD  
18 TAKE A MOMENT OF SILENCE, PLEASE. [MOMENT OF SILENCE  
19 OBSERVED.] THANK YOU. WITH THAT, MEMBERS AND AUDIENCE, THE  
20 INVOCATION THIS MORNING WILL BE LED BY FATHER JOHN MORETTA,  
21 FROM RESURRECTION CHURCH IN BOYLE HEIGHTS. AND THE PLEDGE WILL  
22 BE LED BY ANTONIO CHAPA, SERGEANT, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,  
23 FROM EAST LOS ANGELES. PLEASE STAND.

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1 **MONSIGNOR JOHN MORETTA:** LET US PRAY. OH, GOD, THE FATHER AND  
2 MOTHER OF US ALL. TODAY WE PRAY FOR YOUR BLESSINGS UPON THIS  
3 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND ITS NEW CHAIR, HILDA SOLIS. HELP THEM  
4 AND THEIR DELIBERATIONS. HELP THEM WITH THE BLESSING OF WISDOM  
5 AND RIGHTEOUSNESS. WATCH OVER THEM AND PROTECT THEM FROM ALL  
6 EVIL. WE MAKE THIS PRAYER, AMEN. AND AMEN. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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8 **COMM. ANTONIO CHAPA:** FOR THE VETERANS IN THE AUDIENCE, YOU'RE  
9 MORE THAN WELCOME TO HAND A SALUTE. EVERYONE ELSE, PLEASE  
10 PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART, FACE THE FLAG. [PLEDGE  
11 OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.] THANK YOU.

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13 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WANT TO THANK FATHER MORETTA FOR GRACING  
14 US HERE THIS MORNING, FOR PROVIDING US THE INVOCATION TODAY.  
15 SOME OF YOU MAY KNOW FATHER MORETTA WAS BORN IN THE CITY OF  
16 LOS ANGELES ON JULY 12, 1941. HE ENTERED ST. JOHN'S SEMINARY  
17 IN CAMARILLO IN 1960. SINCE THEN HE HAS SERVED IN THE  
18 ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES AND CURRENTLY SERVES AT  
19 RESURRECTION CHURCH IN BOYLE HEIGHTS. WHILE HE PROVIDES  
20 MOTIVATIONAL SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE TO HIS CONGREGATION, FATHER  
21 MORETTA IS HIGHLY REGARDED FOR HIS COMMUNITY WORK IN SOCIAL  
22 AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. FOR OVER A DECADE, FATHER MORETTA  
23 HAS EMPOWERED HIS PARISHIONERS AND RESIDENTS TO BECOME ACTIVE  
24 MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, ENCOURAGING THEM TO SPEAK OUT AND TO  
25 ORGANIZE AGAINST CRIME AND POLLUTION IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS.



1 MONSIGNOR MORETTA HAS ALSO LED EFFORTS TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN  
2 AND FAMILIES FROM A NUMBER OF PROJECTS THAT RAISED SIGNIFICANT  
3 HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS IN THE COMMUNITY, INCLUDING THE  
4 PREVENTION OF A STATE PRISON, THE VERNON INCINERATOR AND MOST  
5 RECENTLY, THE EXIDE RECYCLING BATTERY PLANT. ON BEHALF OF THE  
6 LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I WISH TO THANK  
7 FATHER MORETTA FOR JOINING US THIS MORNING. THANK YOU VERY  
8 MUCH, FATHER. [APPLAUSE.] AT THIS TIME, MEMBERS, I'D ALSO LIKE  
9 TO INTRODUCE SOMEONE WHO IS NO STRANGER TO US IN THE VETERANS  
10 COMMUNITY, AND THAT IS ANTONIO CHAPA. HE'S A FORMER UNITED  
11 STATES MARINE CORPS SERGEANT WHO GREW UP IN THE COMMUNITIES OF  
12 ECHO PARK AND GLASSELL PARK. HE SERVED HIS COUNTRY FROM 1991  
13 TO 1999, EARNING THE RANK OF SERGEANT IN THE FIFTH BATTALION,  
14 14TH MARINES. HE EARNED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY FROM  
15 CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES AND BEGAN WORKING AS A  
16 CASE MANAGER AT SOUTH CENTRAL HEALTH AND REHABILITATION  
17 PROGRAM. HE IS CURRENTLY HELPING HOMELESS VETERANS SECURE  
18 SHELTER AMONG OTHER SERVICES. HIS PASSION IS FOR HELPING  
19 OTHERS. HE IS AN INSPIRATION AND HE'S VERY DEDICATED TO ALL  
20 MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE SERVED US. THANK YOU, ANTONIO CHAPA,  
21 FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE VETERANS AND FOR THE WORK THAT YOU  
22 DO NOT ONLY IN THE FIRST DISTRICT BUT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF  
23 LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.] AT THIS TIME  
24 WE'LL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR KNABE.  
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1 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. AND CONGRATULATIONS ON  
2 ASSUMING THE CHAIR TODAY. THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, MANY OF US ARE  
3 REMINDED OF HOW FORTUNATE WE ARE TO BE SURROUNDED BY OUR LOVED  
4 ONES. UNFORTUNATELY, NOT EVERYONE GETS TO SHARE THIS BLESSING.  
5 TOMORROW, ON WEDNESDAY, THE COUNTY WILL BURY THE REMAINS OF  
6 APPROXIMATELY 1,379 INDIVIDUALS IN A MASS GRAVE. THESE ARE  
7 INDIVIDUALS THAT FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER HAVE NO ONE BUT THE  
8 COUNTY TO PROVIDE THEM WITH A RESPECTFUL AND DIGNIFIED BURIAL.  
9 SOME ARE HOMELESS. MANY WERE POOR. AND UNFORTUNATELY, SOME AND  
10 MANY HAVE NO FAMILIES TO GRIEVE FOR THEM. BUT REGARDLESS OF  
11 WHAT THEIR STATUS WAS IN LIFE, THEIR LIFE MATTERED AND MATTERS  
12 TO US, THEIR COUNTY FAMILY. SO AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO  
13 REQUEST THAT WE ALL STAND AND HONOR THESE INDIVIDUALS WITH A  
14 MOMENT OF SILENCE. [MOMENT OF SILENCE OBSERVED.] THANK YOU.  
15 THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

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17 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR KNABE. AT  
18 THIS TIME, WE HAVE NOTED SPEAKERS BEFORE WE BEGIN OUR  
19 REORGANIZATION. AND I'D LIKE TO CALL UP GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL TO  
20 COME FORWARD. AND MEMBERS, THIS IS FOR THE REORGANIZATION  
21 ITEM. WE HAVEN'T CONDUCTED THAT YET, BUT NONETHELESS, WE HAVE  
22 SOME TIME SO I PREFER SHE COME UP AND SPEAK NOW. GOOD MORNING.

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24 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** THANK YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DR.  
25 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I AM GLAD TO WELCOME YOU, SUPERVISOR



1 SOLIS. AND I HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE A GREAT SUPPORTER OF THE  
2 FIRST AMENDMENT, THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH. AND I'M LOOKING  
3 FORWARD TO A VERY GOOD, FULL YEAR EVEN WHEN WE HAVE  
4 DISAGREEMENT WE CAN RESPECT EACH OTHER. SO, WELCOME.

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6 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WE HAVE ERIC  
7 PREVEN. OKAY. I DON'T SEE HIM HERE IN THE ROOM. THEREFORE,  
8 THEN WE'LL MOVE ON AND WAIT FOR -- AT THIS TIME, I AM  
9 PRIVILEGED TO CALL FOR OUTGOING MAYOR ANTONOVICH TO SPEAK TO  
10 US. HE HAS SOME REMARKS. MAYOR ANTONOVICH. [MUSIC.] "DON'T  
11 STOP BELIEVING. HOLD ON TO THAT FEELING. STREETLIGHT PEOPLE,  
12 DON'T STOP BELIEVING. HOLD ON. OH, OH. DON'T STOP BELIEVING.  
13 HOLD ON TO THAT FEELING." [MUSIC FADES.] [APPLAUSE.]

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15 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MAYOR ANTONOVICH, WE GIVE YOU THE FLOOR.

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17 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. I'M STILL 39. [LAUGHTER.]  
18 SO, ANYWAYS, THIS HAS BEEN A VERY EXCITING YEAR, BECAUSE THIS  
19 WAS THE FIRST TIME IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY HISTORY WHERE THE  
20 BOARD, WE BEGAN THE YEAR WITH TWO NEW SUPERVISORS, SUPERVISOR  
21 HILDA SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL. WE BEGAN THE YEAR  
22 WITH A BRAND NEW SHERIFF, JIM MCDONNELL; BRAND NEW TAX  
23 ASSESSOR, JEFFREY PRANG. AND WE BEGAN WITH A NEW INTERIM  
24 C.E.O. WITH SACHI HAMAI. AND WE MOVED FORWARD. AND WHAT WE HAD  
25 DONE WAS GOT RID OF THE INTERIM REORGANIZATION SO THAT WE HAD





1 A RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY BY THE BOARD OF  
2 SUPERVISORS. WE MOVED FORWARD WITH THE CONSOLIDATION, MOVING  
3 FORWARD WITH THE INTEGRATION OF OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT, WITH  
4 THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, PUBLIC HEALTH AND DEPARTMENT  
5 OF HEALTH, BRINGING IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THE HEALTH  
6 SERVICES INTO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, SO THAT WE DIDN'T HAVE  
7 SILOS. WE HAD THE ABILITY FOR THE AGENCIES TO COMMUNICATE  
8 WHILE MAINTAINING SEPARATE BUDGETS. BUT THAT TYPE OF  
9 COOPERATION WOULD HELP THOSE CLIENTS THAT WE SERVED. THAT WAS  
10 IMPORTANT. WE ALSO MOVED FORWARD WITH THE JAIL PLANS, WITH THE  
11 PUTTING IN ADDITIONAL DEPUTIES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS,  
12 MOVING FORWARD WITH THE TRAFFICKING ISSUE, AND WE COMMEND  
13 SHERIFF JIM MCDONNELL WITH HIS LEADERSHIP ON THAT WHERE WE NOW  
14 HAVE THAT TASKFORCE IN HIS DEPARTMENT, AT THE SHERIFF'S  
15 DEPARTMENT IN MONTEREY PARK, WHERE YOU HAVE THE U.S. ATTORNEY,  
16 YOU HAVE ALL OF THE HOMELAND SECURITY, ALL OF THE VARIOUS  
17 AGENCIES WORKING TO HELP EXPOSE THE TRAFFICKING AND GET THOSE  
18 INVOLVED, THE GIRLS AND THE YOUNG BOYS, INTO THE THERAPY  
19 TREATMENT SO THAT THEY CAN BECOME STABLE CITIZENS IN THE  
20 FUTURE. AND WE CAN HAVE THE ABILITY, WHICH WE DIDN'T HAVE  
21 BEFORE, WE CAN ALL COMMUNICATE. LET ME GET MY -- I'M GOING GO  
22 BACK TO THAT IN A MINUTE. BUT UNDER THE REORGANIZATION, WHAT  
23 WE HAD, WE WERE ABLE TO ELIMINATE IN THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE A  
24 LEVEL OF BUREAUCRACY, BUREAUCRATIC FAT. AND OFF THE BAT WE  
25 WERE ABLE TO SAVE \$2 MILLION. \$2 MILLION WHICH WILL BE BETTER



1 SPENT IN HELPING PUBLIC SAFETY, HELPING CHILDREN, HELPING  
2 EMANCIPATED YOUTH, HELPING THE OTHER AGENCIES THAT SUPPORT  
3 PROGRAMS THAT WE HAVE. WE CREATED A FURTHER SAVINGS THROUGH AN  
4 ORDINANCE THAT ALLOWED US TO ISSUE REWARDS. THIS WAS  
5 INTERESTING. IT TOOK A COUNTY ORDINANCE TO DO THIS. IN  
6 EXCHANGE FOR INFORMATION INVOLVING SEX OFFENDERS WHO HAVE  
7 ABSCONDED WHILE ON PROBATION OR PAROLE. AND WE INCREASED THE  
8 NUMBER OF VICTIM SERVICES ADVOCATES WITHIN THE DISTRICT  
9 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. DISTRICT ATTORNEY JACKIE LACEY HAS DONE A  
10 VERY FINE JOB IN THIS AREA. AND WE WERE ABLE TO HELP  
11 SUPPLEMENT HER WITH THAT ISSUE IN HELPING VICTIMS WITH THEIR  
12 SERVICES, WHICH ARE IN FULL COMPLIANCE, VERY INTERESTING,  
13 FULLY, SUCCESSFULLY EXECUTED THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH  
14 THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. AND WE EXPANDED THOSE PROGRAMS. FOR  
15 FIRE, WE LEASED TWO ADDITIONAL SUPERSCOOPERS ONCE AGAIN FOR A  
16 TOTAL OF FOUR. AND WE HAVE THE ERICKSON AIR-CRANE HELITANKER  
17 TO RESPOND TO THOSE FIRES THAT OCCUR EVERY TIME WE HAVE, AND  
18 JUST PART OF OUR NATURE THAT WE HAVE TO HAVE A GOOD FIRE  
19 DEPARTMENT. AND OUR L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT IS ONE OF THE  
20 BEST. THEY ARE SO GOOD THAT THEY'RE ON THE STATE DEPARTMENT  
21 LIST. SO THEY ARE CALLED TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES WHEN WE HAVE  
22 TRAGEDIES, EARTHQUAKES, FLOODING, TSUNAMIS. THEY GO TO ASSIST.  
23 WE EXPANDED THE PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN FOR EARTHQUAKE AND  
24 OTHER EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS. ON CHILDREN'S SERVICES, TO  
25 ADDRESS THAT PROGRAM, WE CREATED THE CHILD SEX TRAFFIC AND



1 LEADERSHIP INTEGRATION TEAM, EXPANDED FIRST RESPONDERS '  
2 PROTOCOL, INCREASING TRAINING FOR SOCIAL WORKERS AND FOSTER  
3 FAMILIES, CONDUCTING PUBLIC OUTREACH CAMPAIGNS, EXPANDING THE  
4 USE OF ELECTRONIC SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE REPORT SYSTEM BETWEEN  
5 LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES THROUGH THE  
6 LEADERSHIP OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THE NEW  
7 OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION, TO PROVIDE OVERREACHING GUIDANCE  
8 THAT SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MY MOTION ON THAT AND  
9 MY JUDGE MICHAEL NASH IS NOW GOING TO BE HEADING THAT AND HE  
10 TAKES OVER ON JANUARY 1ST, ALTHOUGH HE IS HELPING DOING IT  
11 RIGHT NOW BEFORE HE TAKES OVER. HE'S WORKING TO ASSURE THAT  
12 EVERYTHING'S IN PLACE WHEN HE TAKES OVER JANUARY 1ST. WE  
13 ADVOCATED THE STATE LEGISLATION CLARIFYING THE PRIORITIZATION  
14 OF FOSTER YOUTH FOR SUBSIDIZED CHILDCARE. WE IMPROVED TRAINING  
15 FOR QUALIFIED SOCIAL WORKERS WITH A 52-WEEK CURRICULUM THAT  
16 OUR UNIVERSITIES WILL NOW IMPLEMENT. BEFORE, THEY DIDN'T DO  
17 THAT. WE REQUIRED THAT. AND THAT WILL UPGRADE THE CALIBER OF  
18 SOCIAL WORKERS COMING OUT OF OUR UNIVERSITIES. AND WE ALSO  
19 HIRED ADDITIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS AND SUPPORT STAFF. WE  
20 INTEGRATED -- INITIATED THE COUNTYWIDE INTERN PROGRAM IN  
21 PARTNER WITH 30 CITIES, SCHOOLS AND GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS  
22 TO PROVIDE VALUABLE WORKFORCE EXPERIENCE AND CREATE A  
23 FOUNDATION FOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE TO SUCCEED. WITH HEALTH  
24 SERVICES, WE MET WITH HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT SECRETARY  
25 JULIAN CASTRO, WITH MAYOR ERIC GARCETTI, TO DISCUSS SOLUTIONS



1 TO THE HOMELESSNESS, ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH POMONA VALLEY  
2 WITH SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS AND MY MOTION TO PROVIDE TRAUMA  
3 SERVICES FOR THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, FULLY IMPLEMENTED  
4 LAURA'S LAW TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF PARTICIPANTS WHO ARE  
5 MENTALLY ILL. THIS WILL REDUCE INCARCERATION AND HOMELESSNESS.  
6 AND WE TRANSFERRED, AS I SAID, CONSOLIDATED THE SHERIFF'S  
7 DEPARTMENT'S MEDICAL SERVICES BUREAU TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
8 HEALTH SERVICES, WHERE HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE  
9 ABUSE SERVICES WILL BE DELIVERED UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF A  
10 SINGLE INTEGRATED AGENCY. FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, WE  
11 CREATED A ONE-STOP SHOP PERMITTING CENTER BY CONSOLIDATING  
12 REGIONAL PLANNING, FIRE AND PUBLIC HEALTH PERMITS AT ONE  
13 LOCATION. WE TRANSFERRED CONDITIONAL USE PERMITTING PROCESS TO  
14 DISTRICT OFFICES. WE SUPPORTED DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS WITH  
15 NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS, BRINGING IN SUCCESSFUL B.Y.D.  
16 ELECTRIC BUS MANUFACTURER AND NIPPON SHARYO, WHO IS BUILDING  
17 THE RAIL CARS FOR THE GOLD LINE, THE GREEN LINE, THE PURPLE  
18 LINE AND THE BLUE LINE THAT WILL BE COMING ON VERY SHORTLY.  
19 AND WE CONTINUED THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS THROUGH TECHNOLOGY  
20 AND E-GOVERNMENT, HELPING SMALL MINORITY-OWNED, WOMEN-OWNED,  
21 DISADVANTAGED, AND VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESSES TO BE COMPETITIVE.  
22 AND WE ALTERED THE LIST OF QUALIFIED LOCAL WORKERS TO  
23 AUTOMATICALLY INCLUDE VETERANS. VETERANS NEED TO HAVE THAT  
24 TYPE OF OPPORTUNITY. THEY SERVED OUR COUNTRY ABROAD. IT'S TIME  
25 WE SERVE THEM WHEN THEY COME HOME. WE ACQUIRED 27 ACRES IN



1 CHATSWORTH IN BROWNS CANYON TO BE PRESERVED AS OPEN SPACE FOR  
2 MULTIPLE-USE TRAILS, STAGING AREA, AND EQUESTRIAN PARK. AND WE  
3 ACQUIRED 712 ACRES FOR UNDERDEVELOPED LAND ALONG PORTAL RIDGE  
4 TO PRESERVE FOR PUBLIC USE. FOR THE ANIMAL SERVICES, WE  
5 EXPANDED THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CONTROL. WE PROVIDED -- WE  
6 DID A GROUNDBREAKING ON THE NEW PALMDALE ANIMAL SHELTER,  
7 PROVIDING 30 NEW POSITIONS, CENTRAL MAINTENANCE AT DOWNEY AND  
8 BALDWIN PARK CARE CENTERS, CLOSED-CIRCUIT MONITORING SYSTEMS  
9 AT THE DOWNEY, AGOURA, AND CASTAIC CARE ENTERS, COUNTYWIDE  
10 DEAD-ANIMAL REMOVAL SERVICES, TEAMED UP WITH N.B.C.4 AND  
11 TELEMUNDO IN THE NATIONAL "CLEAR THE SHELTERS" INITIATIVE TO  
12 FIND LOVING AND PERMANENT HOMES FOR OUR PETS. AND WE AMENDED  
13 TITLE 10 OF THE COUNTY CODE TO REQUIRE MANDATORY SPAYING AND  
14 NEUTERING AND MICROCHIPPING OF CATS IN THE UNINCORPORATED  
15 AREAS OF OUR COUNTY. AND WE HAD A THREE-MONTH PILOT PROGRAM  
16 WITH REDUCED ADOPTION FEES TO DETERMINE THE EFFECTS IF THIS  
17 WILL HELP INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ANIMALS ADOPTED. VETERANS,  
18 SPONSORED THE SPECIAL RECOGNITION AT THE BOB HOPE PATRIOTIC  
19 HALL, HONORING OUR VETERANS OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR, 70 YEARS  
20 AFTER ITS END. WE ALSO DID ONE WITH CHINA AT THE SHRINE  
21 AUDITORIUM FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED IN THAT WAR AND  
22 WITH DEFEATING-- WHEN THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA DEFEATED  
23 JAPAN. THE BOB HOPE PATRIOTIC HALL IS NOW THE LARGEST ONE-STOP  
24 CENTER FOR VETERANS IN THE COUNTY. WE CONTINUE TO WORK WITH  
25 VETERANS TO ENSURE THAT V.A. CLAIMS ARE FILED OUT PROPERLY,



1 LOWERING AVERAGE V.A. CLAIM WAIT TIMES TO LESS THAN A MONTH.  
2 WE CREATED ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR VETERANS.  
3 WE EXPANDED VETERAN INTERNSHIPS TO ASSIST THEM IN THEIR  
4 TRANSITION TO CIVILIAN WORKPLACE. AND WE SPONSORED THE 18TH  
5 ANNUAL SALUTE TO VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO PROVIDE PUBLIC  
6 OUTREACH, EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND SUPPORT. WE ORGANIZED  
7 FREE TRANSIT PASSES FOR VETERANS ON VETERANS' DAY. THE BOARD  
8 WAS VERY UNITED IN SELECTING PHIL WASHINGTON TO LEAD THE  
9 METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY. HE'S A CUT ABOVE. WE COMPLETED  
10 THE EXTENSION OF THE METRO GOLD LINE ON TIME AND ON BUDGET,  
11 AND WE OPENED THE GOLD LINE STATIONS OF ARCADIA, MONROVIA,  
12 DUARTE, IRWINDALE AND ASUZA, INITIATED THE DEVELOPMENT OF A  
13 NEW EXPRESS BUS SERVICE WHICH WILL BE LINKING THE GOLD, RED  
14 AND ORANGE LINES WHEN THE GOLD LINE EXTENSION OPENS IN EARLY  
15 2016. WE IMPLEMENTED A 25 PERCENT FARE REDUCTION ON THE  
16 METROLINK ANTELOPE VALLEY LINE AND A SECOND CONDUCTOR ON EVERY  
17 ANTELOPE VALLEY LINE FOR GREATER FARE ENFORCEMENT AND SECURITY  
18 FOR PASSENGERS AND ADVANCED THE HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR PROJECT  
19 TO COMPLETE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT IN APRIL 2016. AND  
20 WE SECURED FUNDING FOR RAIL REVENUE AND RIDERSHIP STUDY FOR  
21 THE HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR PROJECT TO SUPPORT THE POTENTIAL  
22 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP. L.A. COUNTY WAS NAMED ONE OF  
23 AMERICA'S BEST EMPLOYERS OF 2015 BY FORBES MAGAZINE. LOS  
24 ANGELES COUNTY, FORBES MAGAZINE NAMED US BEST EMPLOYER OF  
25 2015. [APPLAUSE.] WE RECEIVED THE 7 SEALS AWARD FOR SUPPORT OF





1 MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED IN THE MILITARY. WE RECEIVED THE  
2 CALIFORNIA EMPLOYER ADVISORY COUNCIL VETERANS' EMPLOYER OF THE  
3 YEAR AWARD FOR OUR HIRING AND PROMOTING OF VETERANS. WE  
4 COMPLETED THE COUNTY-WIDE DEPENDENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION  
5 PROJECT. WE LAUNCHED THE FINANCIAL WELLNESS PROGRAM. WE  
6 CREATED THE DEPARTMENTAL LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO  
7 HELP GUIDE DEPARTMENT HEADS TO BUILD SUCCESSION PLANS AND  
8 DEVELOPED A 360-DEGREE FEEDBACK ASSESSMENT PROCESS COUNTY-WIDE  
9 AND PUBLISHED HOW-TO GUIDES ON CAREER AND WORKFORCE  
10 DEVELOPMENT. WE LAUNCHED THE USER-FRIENDLY ONLINE APPLICATION  
11 SYSTEM TO ENHANCE OUTREACH, EXPANDED THE CAREER DEVELOPMENT  
12 INTERN PROGRAM TO L.A. COUNTY'S 88 CITIES AND PUBLIC AND  
13 PRIVATE BUSINESSES. AND I SHOULD ALSO SAY JUST RECENTLY WE  
14 APPOINTED OUR COUNTY COUNSEL, MARY WICKHAM, AS COUNTY COUNSEL  
15 AND WE WERE ALL UNITED IN THAT EFFORT. AND WE CONGRATULATE HER  
16 ASSUMING THAT. AND SO WE HAVE A GOOD C.E.O., A GOOD COUNTY  
17 COUNSEL, A GOOD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND WE EACH ARE BLESSED  
18 WITH HAVING GOOD STAFFS TO WORK WITH. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH,  
19 CHAIR. I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE THESE REMARKS. AND  
20 WE WISH YOU SUCCESS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU.  
21 [APPLAUSE.]

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23 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.



1   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR.  
2   AND TO COLLEAGUES, WE CERTAINLY WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE  
3   EXEMPLARY YEAR LED BY THE MAYOR, WHO I REFERRED TO AS THE DEAN  
4   OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. OBVIOUSLY ANYONE WHO HAS SERVED  
5   THE LENGTH OF TIME THAT HE HAS MERITS SUCH CONSIDERATION. IT'S  
6   NO SMALL FEAT, THE LIST OF THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED  
7   AND HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IN A MAGNIFICENTLY COLLEGIAL MANNER.  
8   AND THAT'S IN LARGE MEASURE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE LEADERSHIP  
9   THAT MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH PROVIDED OVER THIS PAST YEAR,  
10  WELCOMING BOTH SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND KUEHL, BEING THE KIND OF  
11  MENTOR THAT NEW MEMBERS MAY HAVE NEEDED AND SOUGHT. AND YOU  
12  WILL TAKE NOTE OF THE FACT THAT WE MADE PROGRESS WITH  
13  RELATIVELY LITTLE DISSENSION AND/OR ACRIMONY. THE PREDICTIONS  
14  TO THE CONTRARY HAVE PROVEN THEMSELVES TO BE UNTRUE. WE HAVE  
15  WORKED TOGETHER VERY WELL. AND I THINK THAT IS, AGAIN, IN NO  
16  SMALL MEASURE OWING TO THE LEADERSHIP OF MAYOR ANTONOVICH. THE  
17  FACT THAT THERE ARE MANY PERSONS HERE WHO REPRESENT THE  
18  VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, I'M JUST GOING TO ASK, MADAME CHAIR, IF  
19  THE DEPARTMENT HEADS THAT ARE HERE TODAY, IF THEY WOULD JUST  
20  STAND IN ACKNOWLEDGMENT. THEY CAME TO GIVE A SHOUTOUT TO THE  
21  MAYOR. GIVE HIM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE, THE DEPARTMENT HEADS IN  
22  THE ROOM. [APPLAUSE.] SO THEY GET A TWO-FER HERE. THEY  
23  WITNESSED THE OUTGOING CHAIRMANSHP OF SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,  
24  AND AT THE SAME TIME THEY GET TO EMBRACE AND WELCOME THE  
25  HISTORIC FIRST MEETING OF SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS. AND SO WITH



1 THAT, LET'S SALUTE THE PAST, EMBRACE THE FUTURE AND GET ON  
2 WITH THE WORK OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU, MADAME  
3 CHAIR.

4

5 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. [APPLAUSE.]  
6 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

7

8 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I WANT TO PRAISE  
9 MAYOR ANTONOVICH. I HAD NO -- NOTHING TO COMPARE HIM TO, OF  
10 COURSE. BUT I THINK EVEN IF I HAD, I WOULD THINK THAT HE WAS  
11 HEAD AND SHOULDERS ABOVE MANY WHO MIGHT HAVE BEEN MY FIRST  
12 MAYOR. HE WAS SO GENEROUS, CALM, ALWAYS SHARING A WEALTH OF  
13 KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE COUNTY, ABOUT THE BOARD  
14 AND REALLY ABOUT THE WORKINGS OF JUST FIVE PEOPLE WHO DAY IN  
15 AND DAY OUT RELY ON EACH OTHER, WORK WITH EACH OTHER, GET TO  
16 KNOW EACH OTHER VERY WELL. AND JUST THE COMITY, THE  
17 POLITENESS, THE COURTESY. I JUST WANT TO TELL YOU AS A FIRST-  
18 TIME SUPERVISOR IN MY FIRST YEAR, I'M VERY, VERY GRATEFUL FOR  
19 THAT. NOW, I DON'T THINK YOU'VE EVER BEEN TERMED OUT BEFORE,  
20 SO AS A PERSON WHO'S BEEN TERMED OUT MORE THAN ONCE --  
21 [LAUGHTER.] -- IF I MAY OFFER JUST A LITTLE ADVICE FOR NEXT  
22 YEAR. EVERY TIME SOMEONE PRAISES YOU, TAKE IT IN, BECAUSE IT'S  
23 SO HEARTFELT AND IT IS SO WELL-MEANT. AND THERE WILL BE MUCH  
24 OF IT. AND SO YOU ARE VERY DESERVING, OF COURSE, OF THIS



1 PRAISE TODAY. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP IN THE PAST  
2 YEAR. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** MADAME CHAIR?

5

6 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, I THINK AS SOMEONE WHO HAS GROWN UP WITH  
9 MIKE ON THIS BOARD, SERVING THE LONGEST WITH HIM, IT'S A REAL  
10 HONOR AND A PLEASURE TO HAVE HAD HIS FRIENDSHIP FOR THESE OH  
11 SO MANY YEARS SINCE THE 80S. AND MOST IMPORTANTLY HIS LAST  
12 YEAR, WE ACCOMPLISHED A LOT IN THIS LAST YEAR. AND, MIKE, YOUR  
13 LEADERSHIP, AND CALMINGNESS. THAT WAS PRETTY GOOD, MARK, ABOUT  
14 CONGENIAL. YEAH, I WAS MOST OF THE -- ANYWAY. [LAUGHTER.] WE  
15 DO. YOU DESERVE ALL THE PRAISE THAT YOU GET TODAY. IT'S BEEN  
16 AN INCREDIBLE YEAR FOR ALL OF US. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO  
17 HILDA'S LEADERSHIP IN THE UPCOMING YEAR. MIKE AND I ARE GONE  
18 FIRST MONDAY IN DECEMBER NEXT YEAR. AND I'M NOT RUNNING FOR  
19 PUBLIC OFFICE, MIKE IS. BUT IT'S BEEN A REAL HONOR AND  
20 PLEASURE TO WORK WITH MIKE OVER THESE YEARS AND LOOK FORWARD  
21 TO WORKING WITH ALL OF YOU UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP, HILDA.  
22 CONGRATULATIONS, MIKE. [APPLAUSE.]

23

24 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BEFORE I RECOGNIZE ANOTHER  
25 GENTLEMAN THAT WANTS TO MAKE A PRESENTATION, I WOULD BE REMISS



1 IF I DIDN'T ALSO CHIME IN. BEFORE WE CAME HERE TO THE BOARD,  
2 WE HAD A LITTLE BREAKFAST GET-TOGETHER OUTSIDE. AND I  
3 MENTIONED TO THE AUDIENCE THERE THAT, LO AND BEHOLD, FIVE  
4 PEOPLE CAN GET ALONG. AND WE DID. AND WE ACCOMPLISHED MUCH.  
5 AND THROUGH YOUR PATIENCE AND LEADERSHIP AND MENTORSHIP AND  
6 FRIENDSHIP, I'VE COME TO KNOW YOU AND RESPECT YOU AND KNOW  
7 THAT YOU'RE A DEEPLY COMMITTED INDIVIDUAL TO YOUR  
8 CONSTITUENTS, SOMETHING THAT, FOR ME, STRIKES A TREMENDOUS  
9 NOTE IN TERMS OF MY PERSONAL VALUES FOR HOW WE TREAT COMMUNITY  
10 AND PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. SO I COMMEND YOU FOR THAT.  
11 YOU'VE BEEN A WONDERFUL LEADER FOR SO MANY YEARS AND I KNOW  
12 WILL CONTINUE TO DO THAT AND HELP US AS I CARRY OUT MY DUTIES  
13 AS A CHAIRWOMAN. THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.  
14 [APPLAUSE.] THERE'S A SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY ASSESSOR JEFF  
15 PRANG THAT HE'D LIKE TO MAKE TO MAYOR ANTONOVICH.

16  
17 **JEFFREY PRANG:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD  
18 OF SUPERVISORS. MR. MAYOR, IT'S GREAT TO BE HERE. I KNOW THAT  
19 YOU'RE PROBABLY ALL THINKING IT'S TIME WE HEAR SOME LIVELY  
20 REMARKS FROM THE COUNTY PROPERTY TAX ASSESSOR. [LAUGHTER.] BUT  
21 I DID WANT TO SAY TO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH THAT I AM PART OF  
22 THAT NEW GOVERNMENT THAT CAME IN THAT YOU SPOKE OF IN YOUR  
23 REMARKS. AND I WANTED TO EXPRESS TO YOU HOW GRATEFUL I AM TO  
24 THE SUPPORT THAT YOU AND YOUR STAFF PROVIDED ME TO MAKE MY  
25 TRANSITION AS COMFORTABLE AND AS SMOOTH AS POSSIBLE. IT'S BEEN



1 TREMENDOUS WORKING WITH YOU. AND I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE  
2 OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE AND TO HAVE WORKED WITH YOU. AND I HOPE  
3 I'M NOT LEAPING TOO FAR OUT OF LINE BY SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF  
4 SOME OF THE OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS, BUT AS AN ELECTED  
5 DEPARTMENT HEAD, I KNOW THAT WE ALL REALLY DEPEND ON YOU FOR  
6 YOUR LEADERSHIP, FOR YOUR VISION, THE QUIET, COMPETENT BUT  
7 DISCIPLINED VISION THAT YOU PROVIDE THIS COUNTY OVER THE  
8 COURSE OF THE LAST YEAR AS MAYOR BUT FRANKLY IN YOUR MORE THAN  
9 30 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SO AS AN  
10 ELECTED OFFICIAL, I GET TO PRESENT THESE PROCLAMATIONS, TOO.  
11 AND I WANTED TO BRING ONE AND PRESENT TO YOU IN THANKS AND IN  
12 TRIBUTE OF YOUR MANY YEARS OF SERVICE. AND I THINK THAT JOE  
13 KELLY WILL STAND BY ME. IF YOU PUT A COPY OF THIS INTO YOUR  
14 TAX BILL -- [LAUGHTER.]

15  
16 **SUP. KNABE:** MIKE SAID HE'D TRADE THAT SCROLL FOR MORE REVENUE  
17 FROM YOUR OFFICE. [LAUGHTER.] [APPLAUSE.]

18  
19 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, MEMBERS, WITH THAT, I BELIEVE WE  
20 HAVE A BRIEF VIDEO.

21  
22 **NARRATOR:** ON DECEMBER 1 OF 2014, FORMER SECRETARY OF LABOR  
23 HILDA SOLIS WAS SWORN INTO OFFICE AS BOARD SUPERVISOR  
24 REPRESENTING THE FIRST DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.





1 **ERIC GARCETTI:** THAT I WILL WELL AND FAITHFULLY. [REWIND]

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3 **NARRATOR:** ON DECEMBER 1ST OF 2014, FORMER SECRETARY OF LABOR  
4 HILDA SOLIS WAS SWORN INTO OFFICE AS BOARD SUPERVISOR  
5 REPRESENTING THE FIRST DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

6

7 **ERIC GARCETTI:** THAT I WILL WELL AND FAITHFULLY.

8

9 **HILDA SOLIS:** AND THAT I WILL WELL AND FAITHFULLY.

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11 **ERIC GARCETTI:** DISCHARGE THE DUTIES UPON WHICH I AM.

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13 **HILDA SOLIS:** DISCHARGE THE DUTIES UPON.

14

15 **ERIC GARCETTI:** FELICIDADES.

16

17 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GRACIAS.

18

19 **NARRATOR:** SINCE TAKING OATH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS ESTABLISHED  
20 HERSELF AS A CHAMPION OF THE PEOPLE, MAKING CERTAIN TO  
21 ADVOCATE FOR ISSUES THAT RESONATE WITH TRANSFORMATION THROUGH  
22 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. IN JUST A FEW SHORT MONTHS, WE HAVE SEEN  
23 HILDA SOLIS OUT IN THE COMMUNITY SHE REPRESENTS, MEETING WITH  
24 RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND LOOKING TO MAKE LASTING  
25 CHANGE WHEREVER POSSIBLE. HER SPIRIT IS VISIBLE IN ALL CORNERS



1 OF THE FIRST DISTRICT, FROM HANDING OUT HOLIDAY TURKEYS TO  
2 NEEDY FAMILIES, TO IMPROVING HOSPITAL VISITS TO PATIENTS THAT  
3 NEED EXTRA COMFORT AND PROVIDING DENTAL AND HEALTH SCREENINGS  
4 FOR VISITORS AT THE RECENT OPENING OF HER NEW SOUTHEAST LOS  
5 ANGELES FIELD OFFICE IN HUNTINGTON PARK.

6  
7 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** HERE IN HUNTINGTON PARK IN WHAT IS KNOWN  
8 AS THE HUB CITY. AND IT'S AN ESSENTIAL PLACE TO BRING THE 7 OR  
9 8 CITIES THAT REPRESENT THE SOUTHEAST AREA TOGETHER.

10  
11 **NARRATOR:** TODAY, NEARLY A YEAR AFTER JOINING THE LOS ANGELES  
12 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE ARE PROUD TO RECOGNIZE HILDA  
13 SOLIS AS THE NEXT CHAIR OF THE BOARD. MAY SHE CONTINUE TO  
14 BRING TRANSFORMATION THROUGH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SERVE  
15 THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY WITH GREAT LEADERSHIP.

16 [APPLAUSE.]

17  
18 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I WOULD LIKE TO ALSO MAKE SOME  
19 BRIEF COMMENTS THIS MORNING, BECAUSE I DO THINK IT IS A  
20 SPECIAL OCCASION FOR ALL OF US THAT WE'RE GATHERED HERE TODAY.  
21 SO I WANT TO WELCOME EVERYONE HERE AND SAY A BUENOS DIAS TO  
22 ALL OF YOU, BECAUSE IT IS TRULY AN HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO BE  
23 CARRYING OUT THIS NEW ROLE AS CHAIRWOMAN OF THE L.A. COUNTY  
24 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I WANT TO FIRST THANK MAYOR ANTONOVICH  
25 FOR HIS LEADERSHIP OVER THE PAST YEAR, HIS GUIDANCE AND



1 PATIENCE. AND I ALSO WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK MY  
2 BOARD COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR TREMENDOUS PARTNERSHIP AND  
3 COOPERATION THROUGHOUT MY FIRST YEAR. AND THAT INCLUDES THE  
4 EXECUTIVE OFFICE, THE C.E.O., AND COUNTY COUNSEL AND ALL THOSE  
5 THAT HANDLE SO MANY THINGS ON ANY GIVEN DAY AT ANY MOMENT IN  
6 TIME. THEY DO IT WITH PATIENCE. THEY DO IT WITH GRACE. AND  
7 THEY ALSO DO IT WITH HUMOR. WHEN I TOOK THIS OFFICE A YEAR  
8 AGO, I HEARD ONE PHRASE OVER AND OVER AGAIN. NEARLY EVERY  
9 COUNTY EMPLOYEE I MET STARTED OUT BY TELLING ME: WELCOME TO  
10 THE COUNTY FAMILY, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I THINK THAT WE ARE ALL  
11 LIKE A FAMILY, A FAMILIA. WE ARE MANY INDIVIDUALS, BUT WE ALL  
12 COME TOGETHER. THIS IS TRUE OF OUR BOARD, OF OUR COUNTY  
13 WORKFORCE. AND ITS EVEN TRUER FOR THE 10 MILLION PEOPLE AND  
14 RESIDENTS THAT WE REPRESENT HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. ALL OF  
15 US ARE UNITED IN A PURSUIT OF A BETTER LIFE FOR OUR CHILDREN.  
16 THE VIDEO THAT WAS JUST SHOWN ILLUSTRATES THE RICH DIVERSITY  
17 OF THE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WE ARE SO FORTUNATE TO  
18 REPRESENT. WE ARE ONE OF THE MOST RACIALLY AND ETHNICALLY  
19 DIVERSE COUNTIES IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY. EVERY DAY MORE THAN  
20 200 LANGUAGES ARE SPOKEN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. I KNOW THAT WE  
21 ARE ALL PROUD OF THIS DIVERSITY. IT GIVES US STRENGTH. BUT  
22 SOMETIMES I ALSO THINK THAT OUR DIVERSITY MAKES IT EASIER FOR  
23 US TO THINK ABOUT WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT THAN WHAT MAKES US  
24 BETTER. THE PRIORITY THAT I WOULD LIKE TO SET THIS YEAR IS TO  
25 REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO OUR DIVERSE COUNTY FAMILY, TO MAKE



1 THIS FAMILY, OUR FAMILY NEEDS TO BE INCLUSIVE, MEANING  
2 EVERYONE, NO MATTER THEIR BACKGROUND, NO MATTER WHERE THEY  
3 COME FROM, NO MATTER HOW FAR DOWN THE SCALE THEY HAVE GONE. WE  
4 ARE ALL A PART OF THIS COUNTY FAMILY. AND THE FAMILY DOES NOT  
5 LEAVE ANYONE BEHIND. IN THE PAST YEAR, THIS BOARD HAS  
6 COURAGEOUSLY TAKEN ON SOME OF THE COUNTY'S MOST PRESSING AND  
7 PERSISTENT ISSUES: HOMELESSNESS, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, AFFORDABLE  
8 HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SUPPORT FOR OUR VETERANS, RE-  
9 ENTRY AND DIVERSION, IMPROVING OUR JAIL CONDITIONS, THE  
10 CREATION OF A HEALTH AGENCY, EL NI O PREPAREDNESS, MINIMUM  
11 WAGE, WAGE THEFT, ARTS DIVERSITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE.  
12 THESE ARE JUST A FEW TO NAME. IN THE NEXT YEAR, WE MUST  
13 NURTURE THE SEEDS THAT WE HAVE PLANTED, GROW THEM IN  
14 PERMANENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY. I'D LIKE TO PROPOSE FOUR MAJOR  
15 AREAS OF FOCUS FOR THE COUNTY NEXT YEAR. FIRST, WE NEED TO  
16 CONTINUE TO WORK ON BUILDING OUR 21ST CENTURY ECONOMY, AN  
17 ECONOMY THAT IS INNOVATIVE, PROSPEROUS AND FAIR. WE NEED TO  
18 CREATE JOBS, HIGH-ROAD JOBS THAT LEAD TO A CAREER, THAT PAY  
19 FAIR WAGES, THAT ALLOW WORKERS TO SUSTAIN THEIR FAMILIES. AND  
20 WE CANNOT FORGET SMALL BUSINESSES, BECAUSE THEY ARE ALSO THE  
21 DRIVING FORCE IN OUR ECONOMY. WE MUST REACH OUT TO THESE  
22 BUSINESSES TO PROVIDE THEM WITH THE TOOLS NECESSARY TO THRIVE.  
23 WE MUST ENSURE THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SMALL  
24 BUSINESS INITIATIVE, TO PREPARE THOSE BUSINESSES FOR THE  
25 CHANGES THAT ARE TO COME. WE CAN ALSO LEVERAGE THE COUNTY'S



1   PROCUREMENT, CONTRACTING AND HIRING SYSTEMS TO OPEN UP  
2   OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN, FOR MINORITIES, FOR VETERANS, FOR  
3   DISABLED, AS WELL AS FOR BUSINESSES THAT EMPLOY RECENTLY  
4   INCARCERATED MEN, WOMEN AND YOUTH. AND WE NEED TO PARTNER WITH  
5   THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO BUILD A WORKFORCE PIPELINE IN CAREERS  
6   LIKE HEALTHCARE, BIOSCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT.  
7   SECONDLY, WE NEED TO REDOUBLE OUR FOCUS ON HEALTH AND WELLNESS  
8   OF EVERYONE IN OUR COUNTY. WE HAVE TO CONTINUE TO IMPROVE  
9   HEALTHCARE DELIVERY THROUGHOUT OUR ENTIRE SYSTEM AND TO FOCUS  
10   ON PREVENTIVE POLICIES THAT PROVIDE HEALTHFUL PLACES TO LIVE  
11   AND TO WORK. FOR EXAMPLE, BY DEVELOPING OUR TRAUMA CENTER IN  
12   THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. AND THANK YOU, MAYOR ANTONOVICH,  
13   FOR HELPING IN THAT. AND BY CONTINUING TO EXPAND ACCESS TO  
14   HEALTH COVERAGE THROUGH THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT AS WELL AS MY  
15   MY HEALTH L.A. AND BY STANDING UP FOR ALL IN OUR COMMUNITIES  
16   WHOSE HEALTH HAS BEEN OVERLOOKED FOR TOO LONG. THIRD, WE NEED  
17   TO PROACTIVELY REACH OUT TO INCLUDE HISTORICALLY  
18   UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES. ONE OF THE MOST MEANINGFUL  
19   EVENTS OF MY YEAR WAS BEING ABLE TO BRING, FOR THE FIRST TIME  
20   EVER, THE LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC OUT TO THE CITY OF POMONA.  
21   EVERYONE'S CHILDREN OR CHILD SHOULD GROW UP WITH THE  
22   OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ARTS, NOT JUST AS A VIEWER  
23   OR IN THE AUDIENCE, BUT ON THE STAGE AND AS DIRECTORS OF THESE  
24   PRESTIGIOUS BOARDS. THE COUNTY SERVICES NEED TO REACH THOSE  
25   WHO NEED IT THE MOST. WE NEED TO MAKE IT STANDARD TO REACH OUT



1 TO OUR CONSTITUENTS IN THEIR LANGUAGE AND WITH CULTURAL  
2 COMPETENCY TO GET OUR MESSAGE ACROSS TO EVERYONE. WE NEED TO  
3 EXPAND PARTICIPATION IN VOTING, TO EXPAND ACCESS TO OUR  
4 LIBRARIES, AND TO ENCOURAGE CITIZENSHIP. LASTLY, PERHAPS MOST  
5 CHALLENGING, THIS COUNTY MUST CONTINUE TO EXPLORE NEW WAYS TO  
6 INTERRUPT THE CYCLE OF TRAUMA AND POVERTY THAT HAS LEFT SO  
7 MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS BEHIND. IN ONE OF MY FIRST DAYS AS  
8 SUPERVISOR, I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF VISITING THE SALVATION ARMY  
9 SHELTER IN BELL, WHICH HOUSES OVER 200 HOMELESS MEN AND WOMEN  
10 EVERY NIGHT. THEY SHOWED ME A PIONEERING TREATMENT CALLED  
11 NEURAL FEEDBACK THAT HELPS HOMELESS VETERANS RECOVER FROM  
12 P.T.S.D. AND TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY. THE COUNTY SHOULD FIND  
13 AND PROMOTE INNOVATION AND TOOLS LIKE THIS. AND WE MUST SEEK  
14 TO MATCH THE SCALE OF THE SOLUTION TO THE SCOPE OF THE  
15 PROBLEM. SOME OF THIS WILL REQUIRE ENORMOUS INVESTMENT. BUT  
16 MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT: GOOD FISCAL POLICY IS NOT JUST ABOUT  
17 SPENDING FRUGALLY. IT'S ALSO ABOUT MAKING WISE, TARGETED,  
18 SYSTEMATIC INVESTMENTS AND DOING SO WITH FULL TRANSPARENCY AND  
19 ACCOUNTABILITY. AND WE DON'T HAVE TO MAKE THESE INVESTMENTS  
20 ALONE, FOLKS. WE MUST HARNESS THE POWER OF BOTH PUBLIC/PRIVATE  
21 PARTNERSHIPS TO LEVERAGE THOSE INVESTMENTS. WE HAVE ALREADY  
22 STARTED TO DO THIS THROUGH OUR PHILANTHROPIC INITIATIVE AND BY  
23 PARTNERING WITH LEAD INSTITUTIONS LIKE THE CALIFORNIA  
24 ENDOWMENT, THE WEINGART FOUNDATION, THE L.A. COUNTY FED, AND  
25 THE L.A. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, TO NAME A FEW. WE ALSO NEED TO





1 THINK CREATIVELY ON WHAT WE CAN DO TO HELP LEAD. THE COUNTY  
2 NEEDS TO ALSO DO AN INVENTORY OF ITS ASSETS, ESPECIALLY IN  
3 REAL ESTATE, AND TO THINK STRATEGICALLY ABOUT HOW WE CAN  
4 DEPLOY THOSE RESOURCES SO THAT WE CAN FURTHER OUR GOALS FOR  
5 PROVIDING MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HOUSING FOR THE  
6 HOMELESS. THERE IS INDEED SO MUCH TO DO, FOLKS, AND BOARD  
7 MEMBERS. BUT I KNOW THAT WE CAN SUCCEED TOGETHER. AND AS I  
8 MENTIONED IN MY OPENING REMARKS, IT'S ABOUT FAMILY. IT'S ABOUT  
9 FAMILIA. TO MY FELLOW BOARD MEMBERS, TO SACHI, TO MARY, TO OUR  
10 DEPARTMENT HEADS: I ASK YOU TO JOIN ME THIS MORNING AND THIS  
11 COMING YEAR BY WORKING TO ENSURE THAT ALL THE RESIDENTS OF THE  
12 COUNTY HAVE THE VERY BEST RESOURCES, SERVICES AND POLICIES  
13 THAT WILL BENEFIT THIS GREAT COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES THAT WE ARE  
14 SO PRIVILEGED TO REPRESENT. GOD BLESS YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

15  
16 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO  
17 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR OUR PRO TEM. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

18  
19 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. IT'S MY GREAT  
20 PLEASURE TO NOMINATE MY COLLEAGUE MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AS PRO  
21 TEM FOR THIS YEAR, DECEMBER 2015 TO DECEMBER 2016. SECOND.

22  
23 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I HAVE A SECOND. MOTION HAS BEEN MOVED AND  
24 SECONDED. BEFORE WE TAKE THE VOTE, THERE WAS ONE PUBLIC  
25 COMMENT. AND AS REQUIRED BY OUR RULES, I'LL ASK THAT



1 INDIVIDUAL TO COME FORWARD. THAT IS MR. ERIC PREVEN, WHO WAS  
2 CALLED EARLIER. AND OUT OF COURTESY, I WANTED TO CALL HIM.  
3 SECOND.

4

5 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IT HAS BEEN NOTED.

6

7 **ERIC PREVEN:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOLKS.  
8 CONGRATULATIONS TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR TAKING OVER. AND I'D  
9 LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO MAYOR ANTONOVICH, AS WELL, WHO WE  
10 HAVE NOT ALWAYS AGREED ON EVERYTHING, BUT HE HAS DONE A VERY  
11 ADMIRABLE JOB OF LEADING THIS BODY THROUGH A TRANSITIONAL  
12 PERIOD. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO A GOOD YEAR. AND I AM GOING TO  
13 LEAVE IT AT THAT AS A COURTESY. I WILL SAY THAT THE AREA OVER  
14 THERE, THERE IS A SMALL SIGN THAT SAYS "PEOPLE WHO ARE  
15 DISRUPTIVE CAN PLACE THEIR COMPLAINTS HERE." THIS SEEMS A BIT  
16 NEW. THAT USED TO BE THE SPOT WHERE YOU COULD ENGAGE WITH  
17 BOARD MEMBERS. MAYBE WE COULD RETHINK THAT SIGN JUST BECAUSE I  
18 DO THINK YOU COME FROM A VERY OPEN COMMUNITY-ORIENTED PLACE  
19 AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT YEAR. THANK YOU.

20

21 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SO THE ITEM HAS BEEN MOVED AND  
22 SECONDED. AND WE HAVE UNANIMOUS APPROVAL. SO WE THEREFORE DEEM  
23 OUR NEW PRO TEM FOR THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THE  
24 HONORABLE MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] WE



1 CAN BREAK WITH TRADITION IF THE SUPERVISOR WOULD LIKE TO BE  
2 RECOGNIZED.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR. I LOOK  
5 FORWARD TO THE YEAR THAT IS AHEAD OF US. AND I THINK BREVITY  
6 IN THIS CONTEXT IS A VIRTUE. THEREFORE, MIGHT I SUGGEST THAT  
7 WE MOVE THE AGENDA. THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR YOUR SUPPORT.  
8 [LAUGHTER.] [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY WELL SAID. OKAY. AT THIS TIME, WE  
11 WILL GO AHEAD AND REVIEW THE AGENDA.

12

13 **AVIANNA URIBE, ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR,:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR  
14 AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 4,  
15 ITEM P-1. ON ITEM P-1, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS  
16 THIS ITEM BE TAKEN OFF CALENDAR. ON PAGE 5, AGENDA FOR THE  
17 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE NEWHALL RANCH  
18 SANITATION DISTRICT AND SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 27, ITEM S.D.-  
19 1. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

20

21 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. THIS HAS BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
22 KUEHL AND SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

23

24 **AVIANNA URIBE, ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR,:** ON PAGE 6, AGENDA FOR THE  
25 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.



1 ON ITEM 1-D, WE WILL HOLD THIS FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ON  
2 PAGE 7, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY. ITEM  
3 1-H. WE WILL ALSO HOLD THIS ITEM FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.  
4 ON PAGE 8, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK ON OPEN  
5 SPACE DISTRICT, ON ITEMS NO. 1-P AND 2-P, WE WILL HOLD THESE  
6 FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. ON PAGE 9, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
7 ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5, ON ITEM NO. 1, WE WILL HOLD THIS FOR A  
8 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM NO. 2, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND A  
9 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 3,  
10 THIS INCLUDES THE REVISIONS ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON  
11 ITEM NO. 4, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
12 REQUEST THIS ITEM BE HELD. EXCUSE ME, ON ITEM NO. 4,  
13 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD TO MEMBERS OF  
14 THE PUBLIC. ITEM NO. 5, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THIS  
15 ITEM BE HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF  
16 SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

17  
18 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ITEMS BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
19 THOMAS, SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

20  
21 **AVIANNA URIBE, ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR,:** ON PAGE 13, CONSENT  
22 CALENDARS, ITEMS 6 THROUGH 36. ON ITEM NO. 6 AND ITEM NO. 8, A  
23 MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON  
24 ITEM NO. 10, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE  
25 HELD. ON ITEM NO. 11, THIS INCLUDES SUPERVISOR KNABE'S



1 AMENDMENT AS LISTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. AND ON THIS  
2 ITEM, SUPERVISORS KUEHL, ANTONOVICH AND KNABE REQUEST THIS  
3 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 15, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND A  
4 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO.  
5 16, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST  
6 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 17, THIS INCLUDES THE REVISIONS  
7 ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. AND ON THIS ITEM, A MEMBER OF THE  
8 PUBLIC REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS 18, 19, 20 AND 21,  
9 A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THESE ITEMS BE HELD.  
10 ON ITEM NO. 26, THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER REQUESTS THIS ITEM  
11 BE CONTINUED TO JANUARY 5, 2016. -- 26TH. ON ITEM 27, THE  
12 CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE  
13 WEEK TO JANUARY 15TH, 2016. ON ITEM 32 AND 33, A MEMBER OR  
14 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM NO.  
15 35, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH VOTE NO ON THIS  
16 ITEM. AND ON THIS ITEM, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THIS  
17 ITEM BE HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR  
18 ARE BEFORE YOU.

19  
20 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THOSE ITEMS HAVE BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
21 KNABE. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

22  
23 **AVIANNA URIBE, ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR,:** ON PAGE 26, ORDINANCE FOR  
24 INTRODUCTION, ITEMS 37 AND 38, ON ITEM 37, THIS IS AN  
25 ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 5,



1 PERSONNEL, AND TITLE 6 SALARIES RELATING TO FRINGE BENEFITS  
2 AND SALARY CHANGES. AND ON THIS ITEM, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
3 REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 38, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE  
4 FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 6, SALARIES, BY  
5 ADDING, DELETING AND/OR CHANGING CERTAIN CLASSIFICATIONS AND A  
6 NUMBER OF ORDINANCE POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
7 SERVICES, AND ON THIS ITEM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS  
8 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 39, PUBLIC HEARING, WE WILL HOLD  
9 THIS ITEM FOR PUBLIC HEARING. ON PAGE 27, ADDITIONS TO THE  
10 AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE  
11 MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON THIS ITEM,  
12 SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS REVISED REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE  
13 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HOME FINANCING AUTHORITY TO APPOINT SEAN  
14 ROGAN AND AMELIA SALAS AS THE ALTERNATE. ALSO ON ITEM 48,  
15 THERE ARE THE FOLLOWING ABSTENTIONS. SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 9  
16 FOR SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SANITATION DISTRICT 17 AND SOUTHERN  
17 CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS FOR SUPERVISOR  
18 ANTONOVICH. BOTH HAVE STATED THEY HAVE PERSONAL FINANCIAL  
19 INTERESTS BECAUSE THEY WOULD RECEIVE A STIPEND FOR SERVING ON  
20 THESE DISTRICTS AND/OR BOARD, AND THEREFORE WILL BE ABSTAINING  
21 FROM VOTING ON THE RESPECTIVE APPOINTMENTS. THESE ABSTENTIONS  
22 ARE NOTED FOR THE RECORD. AND ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
23 THOMAS AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THIS ITEM BE HELD.  
24 ON ITEM NO. 40-B, ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS TO  
25 DELETE THE JULY 26, 2016 DATE FROM HER MOTION. ALSO ON THIS





1 ITEM, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
2 CONTINUED TO JANUARY 5, 2016. AND ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR  
3 SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ITEM 40-C IS BEFORE  
4 YOU.

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6 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ITEM'S BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
7 ANTONOVICH. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

8

9 **AVIANNA URIBE, ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 30, NOTICES OF  
10 CLOSED SESSION FOR DECEMBER 8, 2015, ON ITEM C.S.-1, A MEMBER  
11 OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO, THIS INCLUDES  
12 THE ADDITION OF ITEM C.S.-8, AS NOTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
13 AGENDA. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF  
14 SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT  
15 NO. 5.

16

17 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

18

19 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** TODAY WE WILL RECOGNIZE AN INDIVIDUAL  
20 WHO HAS BEEN A LEADER IN HELPING CREATE JOBS AND HELPING OUR  
21 ECONOMY, NOT JUST IN L.A. COUNTY BUT IN THE STATE OF  
22 CALIFORNIA. LISA RAWLINS IS A VETERAN WARNER BROTHERS  
23 EXECUTIVE AND FORMER CALIFORNIA FILM COMMISSIONER WHO IS  
24 RETIRING AFTER 25 YEARS AT WARNER BROTHERS. SHE BEGAN HER  
25 CAREER IN 1982 WORKING FOR A GOOD FRIEND OF SUPERVISOR KNABE



1 AND MYSELF, AND THAT WAS GOVERNOR GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN, WORKING  
2 IN THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ON ISSUES DEALING WITH ENTERTAINMENT.  
3 IN 1984, SHE CREATED THE CALIFORNIA FILM COMMISSION TO HELP  
4 FIGHT THE GROWING PROBLEM OF RUN-AWAY PRODUCTION IN  
5 CALIFORNIA. AND IN 1985, SHE SERVED AS ITS FIRST DIRECTOR.  
6 1990, SHE JOINED WARNER BROTHERS AS VICE PRESIDENT OF  
7 PRODUCTION AND STUDIO AFFAIRS AND CURRENTLY SERVES AS THE  
8 SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS FOR WARNER BROTHERS  
9 STUDIOS IN BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN BURBANK. LISA, CONGRATULATIONS.  
10 [APPLAUSE.] SUPERVISOR?

11  
12 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, I'M PART OF THE MOTION IN  
13 CONGRATULATING LISA. NOT ONLY GOING BACK, WE GO WAY BACK. I  
14 SERVED ON THE FILM COMMISSION WITH HER MANY, MANY YEARS AGO  
15 AND WORKED REALLY CLOSELY WITH WARNER BROTHERS AND OTHER  
16 MEMBERS OF THE INDUSTRY IN A LOT OF FILMING ACTIVITIES,  
17 LOCATION KINDS OF OPPORTUNITIES. SHE'S BEEN A REAL LEADER IN  
18 KEEPING PRODUCTION HERE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. BUT HER  
19 INTERESTS GO WAY BEYOND JUST US, PROTECTING THE INDUSTRY HERE,  
20 BUT STATE-WIDE AND NATIONALLY, AS WELL, TOO. SHE'S BEEN A DEAR  
21 FRIEND. AND I WISH HER WELL IN HER NEW VENTURE, SHE AND HER  
22 HUSBAND, AND A GOOD RETIREMENT. YOU DO HAVE A LOT OF WORK  
23 AHEAD OF YOU. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, LISA. BEEN AN HONOR TO  
24 WORK WITH YOU.



1   **LISA RAWLINS:** THANK YOU.

2

3   **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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5   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I WOULDN'T WANT TO LET THIS OCCASION PASS  
6 WITHOUT ACKNOWLEDGING THE BENEFIT OF THE RELATIONSHIP THAT I  
7 DEVELOPED WITH LISA RAWLINS WHEN I SERVED IN THE STATE SENATE.  
8 ONE OF THE AREAS IN WHICH WE SOUGHT TO DO WORK WAS ON FILM  
9 CREDITS; THAT IS, TAX CREDITS FOR THAT INDUSTRY. LISA HAD  
10 POWERFUL INSIGHTS AND WAS A VERY, VERY CLEAR REPRESENTATIVE  
11 FOR THAT INDUSTRY SECTOR. AND NOT ONLY THAT, SHE HAS A BROAD  
12 VIEW OF WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A RESPONSIBLE CORPORATE CITIZEN.  
13 AND I DON'T MEAN HER PERSONALLY. I MEAN AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF  
14 THE COMPANY WITH WHICH SHE'S MOST RECENTLY KNOWN AND  
15 ASSOCIATED. AND SO I HAVE PRAISE FOR LISA RAWLINS AND FOR THE  
16 WORK THAT SHE DID AND THE WAY IN WHICH SHE COMPORTED HERSELF  
17 IN THESE INSTANCES. SO, LISA, I WISH YOU ALL THE VERY BEST AND  
18 APPRECIATE ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE AND HAVE GREAT EXPECTATION  
19 FOR THAT WHICH YOU WILL DO IN THE FUTURE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
20 [APPLAUSE.]

21

22   **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

23

24   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** MY PREDECESSOR USED TO SAY "EVERYTHING HAS  
25 BEEN SAID, BUT NOT EVERYONE HAS SAID IT." SO I WILL JUST SAY,



1 DITTO. AS ONE OF THE AUTHORS EARLY ON ON TRYING TO DO  
2 SOMETHING ABOUT RUN-AWAY PRODUCTION, IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE  
3 WORKING WITH YOU. AND WHAT I SAID TO MIKE ABOUT TERMING OUT  
4 ALSO GOES FOR RETIREMENT. A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE GOING TO SAY  
5 NICE THINGS ABOUT YOU. TAKE THEM IN. TAKE THEM IN. THEY'RE ALL  
6 TRUE. THANKS, LISA.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YEAH, LISA! [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

11

12 **LISA RAWLINS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS KNABE AND ANTONOVICH, FOR  
13 THE KIND WORDS. AND THANK YOU TO THE REST OF THE BOARD OF  
14 SUPERVISORS FOR THE LOVELY PROCLAMATION, AND CONGRATULATIONS,  
15 MADAME CHAIR. I'VE WORKED WITH THESE TWO FOR A VERY LONG TIME.  
16 THESE MEN HAVE BEEN TREMENDOUS CHAMPIONS OF OUR INDUSTRY. WE  
17 GO ALL THE WAY BACK TO THE BEGINNING OF MY CAREER, AND THEY  
18 HAVE REALLY BEEN WITH US EVERY STEP OF THE WAY. AND OUR  
19 INDUSTRY HAS A LOT TO BE THANKFUL FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS.  
20 OTHERS, AS WELL. BUT THESE TWO IN PARTICULAR REPRESENTING THE  
21 COUNTY, FANTASTIC SUPPORTERS. I DON'T WANT TO BE TOO BOLD.  
22 WE'VE TALKED A LOT ABOUT -- WELL, OUR CHAIR SPOKE A GREAT DEAL  
23 ABOUT FAMILY. I'D LIKE TO TOUCH ON THAT FOR JUST A MOMENT, AS  
24 WELL. I WOULD NEVER BE SO BOLD AS TO EVER ASSUME I WAS A PART  
25 OF THE COUNTY FAMILY, BUT I HAVE WORKED SO CLOSELY WITH THE



1 COUNTY FOR SO LONG, I'D LIKE TO THINK I'M AN EXTENDED MEMBER  
2 OF THE FAMILY. AND I GREATLY APPRECIATE THAT OPPORTUNITY. I  
3 ALSO WOULD LIKE THOSE THAT CAME WITH ME TODAY TO STAND.  
4 [APPLAUSE.] THESE INDIVIDUALS HERE WITH ME TODAY WHO STAND  
5 WITH ME NOW REPRESENT OUR INDUSTRY. GUILDS AND UNIONS, FILM  
6 L.A., THEY ARE THE LOCATION MANAGERS, THE FOLKS THAT I'VE  
7 WORKED WITH, SOME OF THEM ALL THE WAY BACK TO THE VERY  
8 BEGINNING OF MY CAREER. AND WE ARE A FAMILY. AND THAT FAMILY  
9 IS IMPORTANT TO ME. AND IT'S IMPORTANT TO THE RELATIONSHIP  
10 THAT WE HAVE WITH THE COUNTY. AND THE FILM INDUSTRY'S  
11 RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COUNTY GOES ALL THE WAY BACK, DECADES  
12 AND DECADES. AND I THINK IT'S THE STRONGEST, FIRMEST BOND WE  
13 HAVE WITH ALL OF THE GOVERNMENTS WE WORK WITH. EVERYWHERE WE  
14 WORK ACROSS THE PLANET, THERE'S A BOND WITH THE COUNTY THAT  
15 JUST ALMOST DEFIES DESCRIPTION. SO JUST ON BEHALF OF THOSE  
16 WITH ME TODAY, I THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR ME, FOR MY  
17 COMPANY, FOR OUR INDUSTRY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

18  
19 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

20  
21 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** NOW IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR. DOESN'T  
22 SEEM IT WAS 52 WEEKS WHEN WE HAD THIS LAST YEAR WITH THE NEW  
23 QUEEN AND COURT FOR THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES. 98TH ROSE QUEEN,  
24 ERICA WINTER. THE 2015 ROYAL COURT AND THE 2015 QUEEN AND  
25 COURT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN RICHARD CHIN. THIS YEAR'S THEME FOR



1 THE 127TH ANNUAL ROSE PARADE IS "FIND YOUR ADVENTURE." ROSE  
2 QUEEN ERIKA WINTER IS 17 YEARS OLD, A RESIDENT OF PASADENA,  
3 AND A SENIOR AT FLINTRIDGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL, WHERE SHE IS A  
4 MEMBER OF THE CHEER AND DANCE TEAM, STUDENT SENATE, AND IS A  
5 MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMISSIONER AND SERVES AS A PEER COUNSELOR AND  
6 VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTOR FOR ARTISTIC DANCE CLASSES. SHE PLANS TO  
7 STUDY MARKETING AND PSYCHOLOGY AND HOPES TO ONE DAY WORK IN  
8 MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS WITHIN THE FASHION INDUSTRY. SO,  
9 ERIKA, LET ME GIVE YOU THIS. [APPLAUSE.] PRINCESS BRYCE  
10 BAKEWELL IS A RESIDENT OF PASADENA, A SENIOR AT FLINTRIDGE  
11 SACRED HEART ACADEMY, WHERE MY DAUGHTER GOES, WHERE SHE SERVES  
12 AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE BLACK STUDENT UNION AND VOLUNTEERS  
13 WITHIN A DAYCARE FOR DISABLED CHILDREN. SHE HOPES TO WORK ON A  
14 PRE-LAW TRACK MAJORING ON UNITED STATES HISTORY AND MINORING  
15 IN SPANISH. SHE WOULD LIKE TO EVENTUALLY BECOME A CRIMINAL  
16 JUSTICE ATTORNEY. BRYCE. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] PRINCESS  
17 DONALY MARQUEZ IS 17 AND ALSO A RESIDENT OF PASADENA. A SENIOR  
18 AT BLAIR HIGH SCHOOL. CURRENTLY WORKS FOR THE AMBASSADOR YOUTH  
19 PROGRAM AND THE COMMITTEE AND IS ACTIVE IN HER CHURCH. SHE  
20 HOPES TO STUDY CRIMINAL JUSTICE TO ENTER INTO THE MEDICAL  
21 FIELD. NO, CRIMINAL JUSTICE OR THE MEDICAL FIELD. THERE WE GO.  
22 BIG OR. PRINCESS RACHELLE LIU IS A RESIDENT OF ARCADIA AND A  
23 SENIOR AT SAN MARINO HIGH SCHOOL, SERVING AS PRESIDENT AND  
24 FOUNDER OF THE LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITY CLUB,  
25 CAPTAING OF BOTH THE SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM, AS WELL AS THE



1 MOCK TRIAL TEAM. SHE IS DIRECTOR OF THE HOLIDAY ANGELS MUSICAL  
2 GROUP AND KIDS PLAY FOR KIDS. SHE HOPES TO STUDY BIOLOGY TO  
3 BECOME A DOCTOR AND WORK WITH DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS, HELPING  
4 PEOPLE WORLDWIDE. GONJI. [APPLAUSE.] PRINCESS NATALIE  
5 HERNANDEZ-BARBER IS 17 AND ALSO A RESIDENT OF PASADENA. SHE'S  
6 A SENIOR AT ALVERNO HIGH SCHOOL. AND SHE SERVES AS THE ALVERNO  
7 AMBASSADOR AND WORKS WITH THE CAMPUS MINISTRY. PLAYS  
8 VOLLEYBALL. RECIPIENT OF A MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP. SHE HOPES TO  
9 STUDY BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS IN COLLEGE AND TO BECOME  
10 A RADIO OR TELEVISION HOST. [APPLAUSE.] PRINCESS REGINA  
11 PULLENS IS ALSO 17 AND A RESIDENT OF ALTADENA, A SENIOR AT  
12 MARANATHA HIGH SCHOOL, WHERE MY SON GOES TO SCHOOL, WHERE SHE  
13 FOUNDED THE GLAM GIRL CLUB AND IS A TEACHER'S ASSISTANT FOR  
14 THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT. SHE'S TRAVELED TO THE DOMINICAN  
15 REPUBLIC AND NICARAGUA ON MISSION TRIPS AND HAS SERVED AS A  
16 COUNSELOR FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT THE ALTADENA 7TH DAY  
17 ADVENTIST CHURCH. SHE WOULD LIKE TO STUDY PRE-MEDICINE IN  
18 COLLEGE AND ESSENTIALLY BECOME AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST. GO TO LOMA  
19 LINDA, HUH? [APPLAUSE.] PRINCESS SARAH SHAKLAN IS A RESIDENT  
20 OF ALTADENA. SHE'S 17 YEARS OLD AND A SENIOR AT LA CA ADA HIGH  
21 SCHOOL. SHE PARTICIPATES IN A.Y.S.O. SOCCER, WORKS ON THE  
22 YEARBOOK, AND IS A MEMBER OF THE SIERRA MADRE INTERACT CLUB.  
23 SHE FREQUENTLY VOLUNTEERS AT THE HUNTINGTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL  
24 AND THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE IN PASADENA. SHE HOPES TO BECOME  
25 A LAWYER WHO WORKS IN THE NONPROFIT SECTOR HELPING THOSE





1 PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT LACK FINANCES TO HIRE DEFENSE  
2 ATTORNEYS. SO IT'S THOSE ATTORNEYS THAT TAKE ALL THE MONEY  
3 FROM THOSE NONPROFITS. [APPLAUSE.]

4  
5 **ERIKA WINTER:** HELLO, I'M QUEEN ERICKA -- HELLO, I'M QUEEN  
6 ERIKA, AND ON BEHALF OF THE 2016 ROYAL COURT, I WOULD LIKE TO  
7 THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR  
8 THIS INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY. WE ARE SO HONORED TO BE  
9 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES AND OF LOS  
10 ANGELES COUNTY AND WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL ON JANUARY 1ST AT  
11 THE 127TH ROSE PARADE AND 122ND ROSE BOWL GAME. THANK YOU VERY  
12 MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

13  
14 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. CONGRATS. THANK YOU,  
15 CONGRATS. BEST WISHES. WE'LL SEE YOU AT THE PARADE.

16  
17 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE'RE GOING TO HAVE SOME  
18 BEAUTIFUL MUSIC. THE CITRUS SINGERS HOLIDAY CELEBRATION AS WE  
19 RECOGNIZE THE CITRUS SINGERS WHO WILL BE PERFORMING AT THE  
20 56TH ANNUAL LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOLIDAY CELEBRATION, WHICH THE  
21 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPONSORS EACH YEAR. AND THAT'S A LEGACY  
22 THAT SUPERVISOR KENNETH HAHN ESTABLISHED MANY YEARS AGO AND  
23 ASKED ME IF WE WOULD CONTINUE IT AND WE WILL. AND I'LL ASK MY  
24 COLLEAGUES WHEN I LEAVE THAT THEY ALSO CONTINUE THIS WONDERFUL  
25 PROGRAM. IT'S A FREE CONCERT WITH PERFORMANCES FROM ACROSS THE



1 ENTIRE COUNTY. THE CITRUS SINGERS WERE FOUNDED IN 1968 BY THE  
2 CITRUS COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS. THE  
3 STUDENTS TRAIN AT A VARIETY OF MUSICAL DISCIPLINES INCLUDING  
4 CHORAL TECHNIQUE, POP VOCAL STYLES, MUSICAL THEATER IN ORDER  
5 TO DEVELOP VERSATILITY IN MUSICAL PERFORMANCE. THEY ARE KNOWN  
6 THROUGHOUT THE NATION WITH EXCEPTIONAL ARTISTIC QUALITY AND  
7 TECHNICAL ABILITY, HAVING HAD THE HONOR OF OPENING THE ROSE  
8 PARADE AND PERFORMING LIVE AT SUPER BOWL NOVEMBER 12TH.  
9 THERE'S STILL MORE TO COME. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THEM ON  
10 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, AT THE 56TH ANNUAL LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
11 HOLIDAY CELEBRATION, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE DOROTHY  
12 CHANDLER PAVILION. IT'S FREE TO THE PUBLIC AND FREE PARKING,  
13 AS WELL. IT WILL BE FEATURED ON KCET CHANNEL 28, AS WELL. NOW  
14 WE HAVE THE DIRECTOR, DOUGLAS AUSTIN, WHO IS GOING TO PERFORM  
15 AND DIRECT THIS WONDERFUL CHOIR. MR. DIRECTOR. [APPLAUSE.]  
16 [MUSIC.] "IN THE LANE, SNOW IS GLISTENING. A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT,  
17 WE'RE HAPPY TONIGHT, WALKING IN A WINTER WONDER LAND. GONE  
18 AWAY IS THE BLUE BIRD, HERE TO STAY, IS A NEW BIRD. HE SINGS A  
19 LOVE SONG AS WE GO ALONG. WALKING IN A WINTER WONDER LAND. IN  
20 THE MEADOW, WE CAN BUILD A SNOW MAN. THEN PRETEND THAT HE IS  
21 PARSON BROWN. HE'LL SAY ARE YOU MARRIED, WE'LL SAY NO, MAN.  
22 BUT YOU CAN DO THE JOB WHEN YOU'RE IN TOWN." [MUSIC.] "WE'LL  
23 FROLIC AND PLAY THE ESKIMO WAY, WALKING IN A WINTER  
24 WONDERLAND. WALKING IN A WINTER WONDERLAND. WALKING IN A



1 WINTER WONDERLAND. ARE YOU LISTENING? HEAR THE SLEIGH BELLS  
2 RING. IN A WINTER WONDERLAND." [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** TODAY I WANT TO RECOGNIZE A VERY GOOD  
5 FRIEND, A VERY GOOD COMMUNITY LEADER, A GREAT PHILANTHROPIST  
6 WHO HELPS MANY OF THE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY,  
7 MARSHAL CHUANG, FOR HIS SERVICE ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
8 QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION. A RESIDENT OF SAN MARINO,  
9 HE WAS APPOINTED TO THE QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION IN  
10 2012. HE SERVED AS A MEMBER ON THE COMMISSION'S VISITS AND  
11 PROMOTIONAL COMMITTEE. HIS EXTENSIVE BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT  
12 BACKGROUND INCLUDES LEADERSHIP WITH THE CHINESE BUSINESS  
13 ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, THE ALHAMBRA CHAMBER OF  
14 COMMERCE, AND THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BURGER KING FRANCHISE  
15 ASSOCIATION. SO, MARSHAL, WE WANT TO THANK YOU. LET ME GET THE  
16 PROCLAMATION.

17

18 **MARSHAL CHUANG:** SUPERVISORS, MAYOR ANTONOVICH, I WANT TO THANK  
19 TO THIS COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE, GIVE ME SUCH A GREAT HONOR AND A  
20 PRIVILEGE TO SERVE THIS COUNTY AS THE COMMISSIONER. I'M A NEW  
21 IMMIGRANT CAME TO THIS COUNTRY 48 YEARS AGO, FINISHED MY  
22 STUDY, ESTABLISHED MY FAMILY AND SOME BUSINESS. I NEVER  
23 THOUGHT THERE'S OPPORTUNITY WOULD BE FOR ME TO PARTICIPATE IN  
24 THE LARGEST COUNTY OF UNITED STATES TO SERVE AS COMMISSIONER.  
25 I'M DEEPLY HUMBLLED AND HUMILITY TO BE IN THIS POSITION FOR THE



1 LAST THREE YEARS. IT IS A VERY RICH EXPERIENCE FOR ME  
2 PERSONALLY, FOR MY FAMILY. THIS WILL MAKE COMPLETE AS A  
3 CITIZEN OF THIS COUNTRY, HAVE EVERY FIELD TO PARTICIPATE. I  
4 REALLY GRATEFUL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** LET ME SAY THAT THIS YEAR, THEY SAVED  
7 OVER \$73 MILLION IN IMPROVED SERVICES FOR THE TAXPAYERS OF LOS  
8 ANGELES COUNTY. AND THAT WAS PART OF THAT WAS WITH MARSHAL'S  
9 LEADERSHIP. AND SINCE THE COMMISSION WAS ESTABLISHED, THEY'VE  
10 SAVED OVER \$4 BILLION IN SERVICES AND ENHANCED DELIVERY OF  
11 PROGRAMS. SO THANK YOU, MARSHAL. [APPLAUSE.] AND NOW IN  
12 CLEANUP IS LITTLE THEODORE, A 20-WEEK-OLD TERRIER MIX. THE  
13 LITTLE BOY IS FIXED, SO NO PUPPIES. AND ANYBODY CAN ADOPT  
14 LITTLE THEODORE AT 562-256-1649. LOOK OVER THERE, THEODORE. SO  
15 LITTLE THEODORE IS LOOKING FOR A HOME. WE'RE GOING TO MEET  
16 WITH HANUKKAH, MAKE A GREAT HANUKKAH GIFT AND A GREAT  
17 CHRISTMAS GIFT AND A GREAT NEW YEAR'S EVE GIFT. SO ALL LITTLE  
18 THEODORE NEEDS IS A LOVING HOME. THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

19

20 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU'RE  
21 RECOGNIZED.

22

23 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** OKAY. THIS IS REALLY FUN. ARE YOU ALL STILL  
24 AWAKE? EXCELLENT. I'M SURE THAT OUR PET ADOPTION WOKE YOU UP,  
25 TOO. YOU SHOULD ALL TAKE THEODORE HOME. THIS PRESENTATION



1 GIVES ME GREAT, GREAT PLEASURE. 40 YEARS AGO, THE WOMEN'S  
2 INTERNATIONAL SURFING ASSOCIATION SET OUT TO TURN WOMEN'S  
3 SURFING INTO A RESPECTED AND PROFESSIONAL SPORT, AND THEY DID.  
4 THE FIRST WOMEN'S HANG 10 COMPETITION WAS HELD IN SEPTEMBER OF  
5 1975 IN MALIBU. 24 WOMEN WERE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE, AND THE  
6 TOTAL PRIZE MONEY WAS A WHOPPING \$3,000. SURFERS CAME,  
7 NONETHELESS, FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM, FROM JAPAN, FROM  
8 AUSTRALIA, THE EAST COAST AND HAWAII. SO TODAY WE HONOR THE  
9 ACHIEVEMENT OF THE WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL SURFING ASSOCIATION  
10 AND ITS PRESIDENT, MARY LOU DRUMMY, TERRY ESELUN, WHO HEADS  
11 MARKETING AND DEVELOPMENT, JERICOH POPPLER AND SHANNON AIKMAN,  
12 BOTH COFOUNDING MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION. YOU HAVE BROUGHT  
13 RESPECT TO THIS REMARKABLE AND, MAY I SAY, VERY L.A. SPORT. WE  
14 SAY TO YOUNG GIRLS ABOUT WHAT THEY CAN THINK OF BEING WHEN  
15 THEY GROW UP OR WHAT THEY CAN UNDERTAKE: SEE IT AND THEN BE  
16 IT. AND WHAT YOU HAVE DONE IS GIVEN THE EXAMPLE AND A GREAT  
17 ONE FOR ALL THE GIRLS AND WOMEN WHO WANT TO FOLLOW IN YOUR, I  
18 CAN'T SAY FOOTSTEPS EXACTLY, BUT TO HANG 10 ALONG WITH YOU. SO  
19 IT'S MY GREAT PLEASURE TO HONOR YOU TODAY. I HAVE A  
20 CERTIFICATE FOR EACH OF YOU. SO IF YOU CAN GIVE THEM OUT TO  
21 THE RIGHT PERSON? SHANNON? THERE YOU ARE. TERRY. AND JERICOH.  
22 PLUS A CERTIFICATE FOR THE ASSOCIATION. SO PLEASE CONGRATULATE  
23 THESE WONDERFUL WOMEN. [APPLAUSE.]  
24



1 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, EVERYONE, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU  
2 TO SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL AND DEPUTY TORIE OSBORN FOR MAKING  
3 THIS HAPPEN TODAY. AND THANK YOU FOR RECOGNIZING THE WOMEN'S  
4 INTERNATIONAL SURFING ASSOCIATION AND OUR FOUNDING OFFICERS  
5 TODAY, WHO HAD THE STRENGTH AND THE VISION TO START A WOMEN'S  
6 AMATEUR AND PROFESSIONAL SURFING CIRCUIT IN 1975. AND IT'S A  
7 VERY SPECIAL MOMENT. THIS IS HISTORICAL, BECAUSE, AS JERICOH  
8 WILL TELL YOU, WE HAD OUR VERY FIRST WOMEN'S SURFING  
9 CHAMPIONSHIP HERE IN MALIBU. BUT FIRST I WANT TO INTRODUCE OUR  
10 OFFICERS. I'M THE SECRETARY. JERICOH IS CO-FOUNDER, VICE  
11 PRESIDENT AND THREE-TIME WORLD SURFING CHAMPION. [APPLAUSE.]  
12 WE HAVE PIONEER, WOMEN'S SURFING PIONEERS FROM THE 1960S, OUR  
13 PRESIDENT MARY LOU DRUMMY AND TERRY ESELUN, DIRECTOR OF  
14 SURFING PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS. SO LET'S GIVE THEM ALL A  
15 HAND. [APPLAUSE.] AND I WANT TO SAY AS I WAS SITTING HERE  
16 LISTENING TO THE COUNCIL AND THE SUPERVISORS, I REALIZE WE ALL  
17 STARTED SURFING HERE IN L.A. COUNTY! AND HERE WE ARE TODAY, 40  
18 YEARS LATER. BUT IT IS HISTORIC AND WE LOVE ONE BEACH IN  
19 PARTICULAR, AND THAT IS HISTORIC FOR THE COUNTY OF L.A. AND  
20 WE'RE GOING TO TELL YOU WHY AND THAT IS MALIBU. JERICOH?

21  
22 **JERICOH POPPLER:** OH, THANK YOU. THIS IS REALLY HISTORIC FOR  
23 WOMEN TODAY IN GENERAL WITH MADAME CHAIR, THE ROSE PARADE  
24 GIRLS. I MEAN, AND HERE WE ARE, SURFER WOMEN WHO HAVE TRAVELED  
25 ALL OVER THE WORLD AND WE'RE STILL DOING IT. AND IT'S AN HONOR



1 AND A PLEASURE. AND, YOU KNOW, WE LOVE L.A., WHAT CAN I SAY?  
2 HAPPY NEW YEAR.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** WE'VE COME A LONG WAY FROM 40 YEARS AGO, AND IT WAS A  
5 TIME WHEN WOMEN WEREN'T ALWAYS WELCOME IN THE LINEUP. SO WE  
6 REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO SEE WOMEN'S SURFING  
7 EXPAND INTO THE FUTURE. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KNABE,  
10 YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. AT THIS TIME, I'D LIKE TO  
13 CALL FORWARD LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF DEPUTIES DAVID PERRY  
14 AND ADAM COLLETTE. AS WE ALL KNOW, ON NOVEMBER 27TH, THE DAY  
15 AFTER THANKSGIVING, THE COMPTON SHERIFF'S STATION RECEIVED A  
16 CALL FROM RESIDENTS WHO SAID THEY HEARD A BABY CRYING IN A  
17 RIVER BED IN THE CITY OF COMPTON. DEPUTIES PERRY AND COLLETTE  
18 RESPONDED TO THE CALL AND CANVASSED THE AREA. AS THEY  
19 SEARCHED, THESE DEPUTIES HEARD A BABY'S MUFFLED CRY AND  
20 LOCATED A NEWBORN BABY GIRL BURIED ALIVE UNDER PIECES OF  
21 ASPHALT AND RUBBLE INSIDE A CREVICE LOCATED ALONG AND UNDER  
22 THE BIKE PATH. DEPUTIES PERRY AND COLLETTE REMOVED THE PIECES  
23 OF ASPHALT, DEBRIS AND RESCUED THE BABY FROM THE CREVICE. THE  
24 BABY WAS WRAPPED IN A BLANKET AND COLD TO TOUCH. THEY CHECKED  
25 FOR VITAL SIGNS AND CALLED FOR PARAMEDICS. SHE WAS TRANSPORTED





1 TO A LOCAL HOSPITAL, WHERE SHE IS CURRENTLY LISTED IN STABLE  
2 CONDITION. SHE WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN BORN WITHIN THAT  
3 PREVIOUS 36 TO 48 HOURS BEFORE SHE WAS ABANDONED. AT THE TIME  
4 HER BODY TEMPERATURE HAD DROPPED TO 94 DEGREES AND DOCTORS  
5 SAID SHE WOULD HAVE NOT SURVIVED THE NIGHT. IT IS AN ABSOLUTE  
6 MIRACLE THAT THIS BABY'S STILL ALIVE TODAY. WERE IT NOT FOR  
7 THE QUICK ACTION OF THESE TWO OF OUR RESIDENTS OUT THERE AND  
8 THESE HEROIC DEPUTIES, THE SITUATION COULD HAVE BEEN AN  
9 ABSOLUTE TRAGEDY. HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, MOTHERS WHO FIND  
10 THEMSELVES IN THAT DESPERATE SITUATION DO HAVE A BETTER  
11 CHOICE. THEY CAN SAFELY SURRENDER THEIR BABY AT ANY FIRE  
12 STATION, ANY HOSPITAL, ANYTIME, NO NAME, NO SHAME, NO BLAME.  
13 SINCE THE SAFE SURRENDER PROGRAM WAS LAUNCHED HERE IN OUR  
14 COUNTY IN 2001, 140 BABIES HAVE BEEN SAVED. THIS YEAR ALONE,  
15 16 SUCCESSFUL SURRENDERS, THE MOST FOR ANY GIVEN YEAR SINCE  
16 THE PROGRAM STARTED. WITH THIS RECENT ABANDONMENT AND THE  
17 HEROIC EFFORTS OF THESE TWO DEPUTIES SHOWS WE STILL HAVE A LOT  
18 MORE TO DO. BUT JUST TO ALL THE MOTHERS OUT THERE WHO ARE IN  
19 DESPERATE SITUATIONS, YOU ALWAYS HAVE A BETTER CHOICE. NO  
20 NAME, NO SHAME, NO BLAME. SO LET'S HEAR IT FOR DEPUTIES DAVID  
21 PERRY AND ADAM COLLETTE. [APPLAUSE.]

22  
23 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?  
24



1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR, AND TO  
2 SUPERVISOR KNABE, WHO DESERVES ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR HIS  
3 LEADERSHIP IN TERMS OF RESCUING AND SAVING CHILDREN WHO WOULD  
4 OTHERWISE BE ABANDONED. IT'S QUITE A STATEMENT TO MAKE THOSE  
5 WHO ARE THE LEAST CAPABLE OF FENDING FOR THEMSELVES A  
6 PRIORITY. AND SO WE ACKNOWLEDGE SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR HIS  
7 LEADERSHIP IN THAT REGARD. [APPLAUSE.] WE THANK YOU. I THINK  
8 IT'S IMPORTANT TO SAY THAT THESE YOUNG MEN WHO SERVE THE  
9 COUNTY IN SUCH AN ADMIRABLE WAY HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES  
10 BY THIS ACT OF COMPASSION, KINDNESS AND DUTY. AND AS THE  
11 MEMBER OF THE BOARD WHO REPRESENTS THE CITY OF COMPTON, I WANT  
12 TO THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF THAT CITY AND ALL OF THE RESIDENTS  
13 OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THIS ONE ACT, THIS SIMPLE ACT,  
14 MAKES US VERY, VERY PROUD AND APPRECIATIVE. WE THANK YOU FROM  
15 THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEART. [APPLAUSE.]

16  
17 **SUP. KNABE:** I'M GOING ASK THE DEPUTIES TO SAY A COUPLE WORDS,  
18 AND I'D LIKE ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD TO HAVE OUR PICTURE  
19 TAKEN.

20  
21 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND ALL THE BOARD OF  
22 SUPERVISORS, FOR THIS RECOGNITION. IT'S A TRUE HONOR. ALSO I  
23 WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL MY PARTNERS AT COMPTON STATION,  
24 SHERIFF JIM MCDONNELL AND ALL THE EXECUTIVES THAT ARE HERE AND  
25 FAMILY AND FRIENDS, THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **SPEAKER:** I, TOO, WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF OUR PARTNERS AT  
3 THE COMPTON'S SHERIFF STATION FOR ALL THEIR SUPPORT AND  
4 EVERYBODY ELSE HERE FOR ATTENDING, AS WELL. THANK YOU.  
5 [APPLAUSE.]

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7 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** READY TO BEGIN?

8

9 **AVIANNA URIBE, ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, IT  
10 IS YOUR RIGHT AND THE BOARD'S INTENT TO ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC'S  
11 PARTICIPATION IN TODAY'S BOARD HEARING. THE RIGHT OF THE  
12 PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED WITH THE NEED TO  
13 ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH THE ORDERLY  
14 COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS, ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC, OR  
15 THE ABILITY OF OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE  
16 BOARD. THE FOLLOWING CODE OF CONDUCT IS OPERATIVE DURING  
17 TODAY'S BOARD HEARING AND ALL ARE REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE  
18 FOLLOWING RULES. SPEAKERS MUST END SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN  
19 THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST  
20 RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC  
21 COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE  
22 BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN  
23 A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF. PLEASE REMAIN  
24 RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM AND REFRAIN FROM UTTERING, WRITING OR  
25 DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL, THREATENING, DEROGATORY,



1    DEMEANING OR OTHER ABUSIVE STATEMENTS TOWARDS THE BOARD, ANY  
2    MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF OR OTHER PERSONS. MEMBERS OF THE  
3    AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY  
4    SPEAKERS, STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS AND MAY NOT CLAP, CHEER,  
5    WHISTLE OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THE  
6    MEETING. A PERSON ENGAGING IN THE CONDUCT THAT DISRUPTS THE  
7    MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE BOARD MEETING. IF  
8    YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR BEHAVIOR BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC  
9    THAT DISRUPTS YOUR ABILITY TO REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN  
10   THIS MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OR OTHER  
11   COUNTY STAFF. THANK YOU.

12  
13   **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. AT THIS TIME WE ARE GOING TO BRING  
14   UP ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN HELD BY THE PUBLIC. I WILL CALL THE  
15   NAMES AND THE ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN HELD. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL,  
16   ITEMS 1, 10, 17, 32 AND 38. ARNOLD SACHS, ITEM 1-D, 1-H, 1-P,  
17   2-P, 5, 8, 19, 35 AND 37. ERIC PREVEN, ITEM 1-P, 6, 18, 20,  
18   21, 33, C.S.-1. MARIE, CAN YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD?

19  
20   **ERIC PREVEN:** SHE'S PROPOSING THAT I BEGIN, SO I WILL. GOOD  
21   MORNING, MADAME CHAIR. IT IS ERIC PREVEN, A RESIDENT FROM THE  
22   THIRD DISTRICT. TODAY AT ITEM 1-P, WE HAVE AN ISSUE WITH THE  
23   OPEN SPACE PARKS AND REC DISTRICT FOR THE EL CARISO AREA.  
24   WE'RE PUTTING IN A RESTROOM UPGRADE OF \$182,000, REFURBISHMENT  
25   IS MY UNDERSTANDING. I'VE BEEN OUT TO EL CARISO. THIS IS OF



1 COURSE, ONE OF THE AMERICAN GOLF MANAGED OPERATIONS, THAT WAS  
2 TRANSFERRED WITH A GREAT DEAL OF MURKINESS, AND THEY HAVE BEEN  
3 LIVING INSIDE OF A FIVE-YEAR DEAL THAT MAKES ABSOLUTELY NO  
4 SENSE FOR THE PUBLIC, BECAUSE THEY ARE BENEFITING ENORMOUSLY  
5 FROM MOST OF THE REVENUE THAT'S COMING OFF OF THE COURSE. YOU  
6 COULD CHECK THAT YOURSELF IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY. ITEM NO. 22  
7 IS QUIT-CLAIM DEED AND THE CITY OF MALIBU IS PICKING UP OR THE  
8 COUNTY IS PICKING UP SOME LAND FROM THE COUNTY AS I UNDERSTAND  
9 IT CORRECTLY. I MAY HAVE THAT WRONG. ITEM 21 IS AN OLYMPIC-  
10 SIZED POOL IN MAYOR ANTONOVICH'S DISTRICT, WHICH I CAUGHT THE  
11 NUMBER WAS ABOUT \$7-PLUS-MILLION DOLLARS TO PUT IN SUCH A  
12 THING, WHICH IS AN EXTRAORDINARILY GOOD DEAL, BECAUSE I'M  
13 REMEMBERING IN MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S DISTRICT, IT WAS \$10  
14 MILLION FOR A NICE SWIMMING POOL AND PARKS AND REC CENTER. SO  
15 THAT IS OBVIOUSLY MUCH APPRECIATED FOR THE FOLKS IN THAT AREA.  
16 OF COURSE, THAT WILL BE IN CASTAIC, AS I HAVE IT CORRECT, OR  
17 IT WILL BE THE CASTAIC SPORTS COMPLEX. ITEM NO. 18 IS  
18 SOMETHING WE'VE BEEN STRUGGLING WITH WITH THE GROUP OVER AT  
19 BEACHES AND HARBORS, WHO HAVE IN PLACE A VERY INTERESTING  
20 MASTER-USE AGREEMENT PROGRAM WHERE THEY CALL OUT 10 NAMES OR  
21 12 NAMES OF COMPANIES AND THEY SAY, "WE'LL JUST DO BUSINESS  
22 WITH THEM WITH SOME INCREASES COMING FORWARD," AND YET, THEN  
23 THEY DON'T SPECIFY WHICH OF THE GROUPS IN THE ITEM ARE GETTING  
24 RE-HIRED AGAIN. SO IT'S VERY GOOD BEST PRACTICE TO SORT OF  
25 HAVE A SENSE OF WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING FOR THE LAST -- I'M SURE



1 THEY KNOW, BUT THEY SHOULD MAKE IT PUBLIC SO OTHERS CAN KNOW  
2 AND SCRUTINIZE AND JUST BE SURE THAT WE'RE NOT -- IT WOULDN'T  
3 MAKE MORE SENSE, FOR EXAMPLE, TO JUST GO WITH 2 OF THE 12  
4 COMPANIES AND MAKE A DEAL IF WE'RE NOT USING 8 OR 10 OF THEM  
5 AT ALL. SO THAT'S A REASONABLE REQUEST AND I WOULD HOPE THEY  
6 WOULD FINALLY PRODUCE THAT INFORMATION. C.S.-1 IS WHAT I LIKE  
7 TO CALL A POO-POO PLATTER OF ALLEGATIONS OF EXCESSIVE-FORCE  
8 LAWSUITS AGAINST THE COUNTY. C.S.-1. AND YOU'LL BE GOING IN TO  
9 TALK ABOUT IT. I'VE NEVER SEEN FOUR CASES ALL BUNCHED UP  
10 TOGETHER LIKE THAT. BUT THAT'S INTERESTING, AND MAYBE THAT'S -  
11 - YOU KNOW, ONE OF THOSE CASES, THE JOHNSON CASE, WAS A  
12 TERRIFYING CASE I JUST LEARNED ABOUT WHICH IS WHERE THE FOLKS  
13 IN JAIL WERE NOT HAVING ACCESS TO WHEELCHAIRS OR THERE WERE  
14 LOTS OF ISSUES SURROUNDING THE PROVISION OF THAT KIND OF  
15 STUFF. AND WE SPENT \$2.2 MILLION ON ATTORNEYS IN THAT CASE,  
16 WHICH REALLY SHAMES -- I MEAN, THAT UPSETS ME BECAUSE WE  
17 SHOULD BE SPENDING THAT MONEY ON PROVIDING WHAT'S NEEDED FOR  
18 INDIVIDUALS WHO CAN'T WALK OR NEED TO BE ROLLED. SO I KNOW  
19 THAT THAT'S BEEN RESOLVED AS A LONG-STANDING ISSUE. WE'RE  
20 MAKING PROGRESS. BUT THAT'S MY COMMENT. THANK YOU.

21  
22 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MARIE?

23  
24 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, AGAIN, DR. GENEVIEVE  
25 CLAVREUL. ON ITEM 1, YOU KNOW THAT'S ONE OF MY PET PEEVES.



1 EVERY TIME I SEE THE NOMINATION FOR THE COMMISSION ON H.I.V.  
2 AND A.I.D.S., I BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BOARD THAT SO  
3 FAR, ALL THE MEMBERS ARE EITHER RECEIVING CARE OR PROVIDING  
4 CARE FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE H.I.V., WHICH IS A BIG NO-NO. IT  
5 SHOULD BE A NEUTRAL INDIVIDUAL WHO DON'T DO NEITHER. ON ITEM  
6 17, I WONDER WHY A UNIVERSITY OR GROUPS WHO ARE FOR-PROFIT  
7 CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THOSE PROGRAMS. YOU KNOW, BECAUSE  
8 IT COULD BE A RESTRICTION, THEY CANNOT USE IT FOR FINANCIAL  
9 PURPOSES. BUT THEIR INFORMATION AND PARTICIPATION SHOULD GIVE  
10 A BROADER PERSPECTIVE OF WHAT'S BEING DONE. AND I THINK  
11 EVERYBODY CAN BENEFIT FOR THAT. ON ITEM 32, I'M KIND OF  
12 SURPRISED THAT WE ARE HAVING, YOU KNOW, ONE OF THOSE WONDERFUL  
13 SOLE-VENDOR CONTRACTS. AND WE HAVE AN INCREASE OF ALMOST \$4  
14 MILLION FOR ONE. THAT'S KIND OF CONCERNING. AND IT BRINGS THE  
15 CONTRACT FROM 9-MILLION-SOMETHING TO 13 MILLION. D.V.  
16 HEALTHCARE, RENAL CARE, IS AN ORGANIZATION, IF MY MEMORY IS  
17 RIGHT, ALSO ENCOMPASS THE VITA CARE AND SO ON WHERE DR. MARK  
18 GOLAN IS ONE OF THE OWNERS AND HE'S ALSO ONE OF THE -- ON THE  
19 BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF M.L.K. HOSPITAL AND SO ON. SO I THINK A  
20 LITTLE FUZZY RELATIONSHIP THERE. AND NOT THAT THEY ARE GETTING  
21 THAT INCREASE, BUT THEY WILL KEEP THE POSSIBILITY TO ADD 6  
22 PERCENT IN ADDITION TO WHAT THEY ARE DOING. SO I THINK THIS IS  
23 A PRETTY NICE INCREASE FOR THE CARE. AND I KNOW, YOU KNOW,  
24 DIALYSIS IS VERY IMPORTANT, BUT -- AND VERY EXPENSIVE, BUT I  
25 THINK IT'S WAY BEYOND. IT IS AN INITIAL CONTRACT WAS DONE





1 POORLY OR IT'S JUST REALLY AN INAPPROPRIATE INCREASE. THANK  
2 YOU.

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4 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS?

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6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. AND  
7 I DID HOLD SEVERAL OF THESE COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THEIR  
8 MINUTES. I'M WONDERING, 1-D IS THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
9 COMMISSION. AND I STILL ASK QUESTIONS REGARDING THE ACTION YOU  
10 TOOK IN 2013 OF THE \$75 MILLION THAT WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE  
11 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FROM THE REDEVELOPMENT  
12 AGENCY'S HOUSING SET-ASIDE ACCOUNT TO FIND OUT WHAT THE  
13 PROGRAMS ARE, BECAUSE YOU'VE ALREADY PROMISED TO PAY \$100  
14 MILLION FOR WHATEVER PROGRAMS WE DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON.  
15 SO IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE FIRST PLACE, HOW  
16 ARE YOU GOING TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE SECOND PLACE?  
17 WHO'S THE NEW BOSS? SAME AS THE OLD BOSS. I HELD ITEM 1-H,  
18 IT'S THE HOUSING AUTHORITY MINUTES. DID THEY EVER DISCUSS WHAT  
19 WAS JUST WRITTEN ABOUT IN THE L.A. TIMES, HOW THE C.E.O. SAID  
20 THE CITY'S HOUSING AUTHORITY HAS NO CLUE AS TO HOW THEY'RE  
21 SPENDING \$100 MILLION? YOU THINK THEY JUST FOUND THAT OUT?  
22 WHAT IF IT WENT ON FOR TWO YEARS? THAT WOULD BE \$200 MILLION.  
23 WHAT IF IT WENT ON FOR THREE YEARS? THAT WOULD BE \$300  
24 MILLION. FIVE YEARS WOULD BE HALF A BILLION DOLLARS, WHICH IS  
25 PRETTY MUCH WHAT YOU BUDGET EVERY WEEK THAT YOU'RE IN SESSION.



1 \$5 BILLION, HALF A BILLION DOLLARS A WEEK, THAT'S NOT BAD  
2 MONEY. 1-P REFERS TO ANOTHER GOLF COURSE. SO I'M WONDERING: IS  
3 THE PROPOSITION, 1992 PROPOSITION, DIFFERENT THAN THE  
4 PROPOSITION 1996? BECAUSE YOUR INFORMATION GUIDE FOR THE '92,  
5 WHEN YOU WANTED TO HAVE THAT MEASURE RE-VOTED ON, THAT FAILED,  
6 WAS THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS GANG REVENTION, YOUTH, SENIOR  
7 RECREATION, BEACHES AND WILDLIFE PROTECTION MEASURE LAST  
8 NOVEMBER, BUT IT REFERS TO THE 1992. SO IS '96 DIFFERENT THAT  
9 IT JUST REFERS TO SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS? CAN WE GET AN  
10 ANSWER ON THAT, BECAUSE YOU DON'T HEAR TOO MANY ITEMS ON THIS  
11 THING AGAIN REGARDING ANY OF THE SENIOR RECREATION, THE  
12 BEACHES. I MEAN RESTROOMS IS ONE THING. BUT IT WOULD BE NICE  
13 TO BE ABLE TO HAVE TRANSPORTATION TO THE PUBLIC BEACHES THAT  
14 YOU CUT THROUGH METRO'S PROGRAMMING, THAT ASTUTE BUDGETING  
15 THAT YOU'RE SO WELL-KNOWN FOR. AND WHAT ABOUT THE LONG-OVERDUE  
16 ASSESSMENT FOR PARKS PROJECTS? WHEN DOES THAT COME UP IN THE  
17 MINUTES? DON'T HAVE ANY IDEA ON THAT. 8 AND 35 REFER TO NON-  
18 REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES AND THE LIVING WAGE PROGRAM. AND AGAIN I  
19 REFER TO IN-HOME HEALTHCARE WORKERS. THE 140,000 IN-HOME  
20 HEALTHCARE WORKERS WHO ARE NOT REPRESENTED, AND YET THEY'RE  
21 EXEMPTED FROM THE LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE THAT YOU'RE PUTTING  
22 INTO EFFECT. HOW DOES THAT WORK? BECAUSE NOBODY ELSE IS  
23 EXEMPTED, EXCEPT THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT. BUT THE COUNTY  
24 GOVERNMENT DOESN'T PAY THEM. IT'S PAID THROUGH A COMMISSION.



1 SO MY SUGGESTION TO ALL THE SMALL BUSINESSES: START A  
2 COMMISSION AND PAY YOUR EMPLOYEES THAT WAY.

3

4 **AVIANNA URIBE, ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR,:** ITEMS 1-D, 1-H, 1-P, 2-P,  
5 1, 5, 6, 8, 10, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 32, 33, 37 AND 38. AND ON  
6 35, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND SUPERVISOR KNABE VOTE NO. THE  
7 REST OF THE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

8

9 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED, WITH  
10 THE NOTATION THAT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND KNABE BOTH VOTE  
11 NO. THAT PASSES 3 VOTES, 3-2, SO ORDERED. WE HAVE OUR NEXT  
12 ITEM UP BY SUPERVISOR -- BEING HELD BY SUPERVISORS ANTONOVICH  
13 AND KUEHL AND RIDLEY-THOMAS. ITEM 11. STATE LEGISLATIVE  
14 AGENDA.

15

16 **AVIANNA URIBE, ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR,:** CURRENTLY WE HAVE ITEM NO.  
17 11 WHICH INCLUDES A SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT BY SUPERVISOR  
18 KNABE.

19

20 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU HELD ITEM NO.  
21 11?

22

23 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** ON 11, WANTED TO VOTE NO ON SECTION 5  
24 AS IT RELATES TO THE TWO-THIRDS VOTE REQUIREMENT TO INCREASE  
25 REVENUE, VOTE NO ON SECTION 2.5, ITEM 4, RELATING TO SUPPORT



1 OR LEGISLATION ALLOWING FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICTS TO IMPLEMENT  
2 STORM WATER FEES. VOTE NO ON SECTION 4.11 RELATING TO  
3 HEALTHCARE REFORM IMPLEMENTATION. VOTE NO ON SECTION 11, ITEM  
4 9, RELATING TO THE COUNTY SUPPORT TO REMOVE THE TWO-THIRDS  
5 REQUIREMENT TO ENACT COUNTY-WIDE SALES FOR GAS TAXES. BE NOTED  
6 ON THAT.

7

8 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. THAT IS NOTED. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, DID  
9 YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON THIS?

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11 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** CLARIFICATION, MADAME CHAIR. I THINK IT WAS  
12 ANNOUNCED AS AMENDED, BUT WE HAVEN'T VOTED ON THE AMENDMENT  
13 THAT WAS ON THE GREEN SHEET, BY SUPERVISOR KNABE? AM I  
14 CORRECT? IT'S A PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

15

16 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES.

17

18 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SO WOULD THAT GO BEFORE? I KNOW WE HAVE THE  
19 DISCUSSION AND THE VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT. AND THEN I HAVE A  
20 READ-IN ADDITION THAT'S SEPARATE AND DIFFERENT.

21

22 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WE WANT TO GO AHEAD  
23 AND --

24



1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I'D BE HAPPY TO. WE HAD DISCUSSED THIS  
2 PREVIOUSLY, AND THE BOARD ACTUALLY VOTED THIS YEAR TO SUPPORT  
3 PROPOSALS SO THAT YOUNG CHILDREN IN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM,  
4 INCLUDING OUR FOSTER KIDS, HAVE ACCESS TO CHILDCARE. THE BOARD  
5 TOOK THAT VOTE AND WE PASSED IT A WHILE AGO. SO I WANTED TO  
6 ASK THAT WE ADD TO OUR LEGISLATIVE AGENDA IN THE SECTION 1.2  
7 CHILD WELFARE SERVICES, FOSTER CARE, THE FOLLOWING: TO SUPPORT  
8 PROPOSALS THAT -- THAT WOULD BE THE AMENDMENT -- ENSURE THAT  
9 YOUNG CHILDREN IN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM, INCLUDING THOSE IN  
10 FOSTER CARE, HAVE ACCESS TO EARLY CARE AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
11 PROGRAMS FOR WHICH THEY'RE ELIGIBLE AND PRIORITIZED. THIS IS  
12 FROM OUR MOTION. AND, SECONDLY, TO ADD SUPPORT PROPOSALS THAT  
13 PROVIDE ADEQUATE FUNDING AND SUPPORT TO COUNTIES TO ENSURE THE  
14 SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONTINUUM OF CARE REFORM  
15 UNDER A.B.403. SO I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE  
16 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.

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18 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT HAS BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED BY MARK  
19 RIDLEY-THOMAS. OKAY, NOW, WE DON'T HAVE TO TAKE A VOTE YET. WE  
20 WILL TAKE A FORMAL VOTE ONCE WE GET ALL THIS TOGETHER.  
21 SUPERVISOR KNABE, YOU HAVE AN AMENDMENT?

22  
23 **SUP. KNABE:** I HAVE SOME CLARIFICATIONS AS IT RELATES TO MY  
24 DESIRE TO VOTE NO ON GENERAL PRINCIPLE NO. 5 RELATED TO THE  
25 REDUCING TWO-THIRDS VOTE FOR INCREASING REVENUES. ALSO THE



1 11.9 AS IT RELATES TO THE REDUCING VOTE REQUIREMENT TO ENACT  
2 THE COUNTYWIDE SALES OR GAS TAXES. ALSO, AS IT RELATES TO NO.  
3 4 IN THE BOARD LETTER REFERENCED THE PROP 47 RESENTENCING. AND  
4 ALSO, AS WELL AS MIKE, THE SECTION 2.5 ITEM 4 REFERENCING THE  
5 FLOOD CONTROL FEES. SO I WANT NO VOTES RECORDED ON THOSE. I  
6 ALSO ASKED FOR AN AMENDMENT, BASICALLY JUST SOME COMMON SENSE  
7 ADJUSTMENTS ON PROP 47, PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATES TO ENSURING  
8 THAT THE FELONIES THAT ARE BEING REDUCED TO MISDEMEANORS MEET  
9 THE SPIRIT AND THE INTENT OF THE PROPOSITION AND WILL NOT  
10 COMPROMISE PUBLIC SAFETY, THAT ALTERNATIVE PROCESSES BE  
11 CONSIDERED TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF CHRONIC SUBSTANCE ABUSERS.  
12 I MEAN, I'M NOT TRYING TO WATER IT DOWN AT ALL, BUT I THINK  
13 IT'S IMPORTANT JUST TO HAVE A FLAVOR IN THERE SO AS IT RELATES  
14 TO ISSUES THAT ARE CONFRONTING US IN THIS DAY AND AGE. SO  
15 THAT'S MY AMENDMENT. THE OTHER ONES ARE RECORDED NO VOTES.

16  
17 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE MOVES THAT. IS THERE A  
18 SECOND? SECOND.

19  
20 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN SECONDED. BEFORE WE TAKE A  
21 FORMAL VOTE, I DO HAVE SOME PUBLIC COMMENT THAT I'D LIKE TO  
22 CALL FORWARD. SO DIANA ZUNIGA. ARNOLD SACHS. JOSEPH MAIZLISH.  
23 AND GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. AND MARK LIPMAN.



1 **DIANA ZUNIGA:** HI, MY NAME IS DIANA ZUNIGA, I'M WITH  
2 CALIFORNIANS UNITED FOR A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET. I'M HERE TO  
3 SPEAK SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE PIECE AROUND A.B.1468 THAT'S A  
4 PART OF THE STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES THIS YEAR FOR L.A.  
5 COUNTY. WE, AS C.U.R.B., HAVE BEEN MONITORING A.B.1468 FOR THE  
6 PAST TWO YEARS IN THE STATE CORRECTIONS BUDGET. AND THIS YEAR  
7 WE HAVE HEARD THAT THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL JAIL FUNDING FOR  
8 LOS ANGELES COUNTY THAT COULD BE UP TO \$200 MILLION IN THE  
9 STATE CORRECTIONS BUDGET. WE JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT IT  
10 WAS NOTED, THAT WE KNOW THAT THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF CHANGES IN  
11 LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND YOU ALL HAVE DONE A LOT OF POSITIVE  
12 THINGS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION SUCH AS CREATING THE OFFICE OF  
13 DIVERSIONARY ENTRY, THE PROP 47 TASKFORCE, WE KNOW THAT THE  
14 SPLIT SENTENCING PRESUMPTION IS MOVING FORWARD, AND WE ALSO  
15 KNOW THAT THERE IS INTEREST IN EXPANDING CREDITS FOR PEOPLE  
16 THAT ARE PARTICIPATING IN REHABILITATIVE PROGRAMMING INSIDE OF  
17 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM. THESE ARE ALL THINGS THAT  
18 ARE POSITIVE. AND WE HOPE THAT WITH THE FUNDING THAT'S GOING  
19 TO COME DOWN THROUGH A.B.1468, THAT WE DO NOT PRIORITIZE  
20 BUILDING A \$2 BILLION JAIL, THAT WE DON'T MOVE FORWARD WITH A  
21 \$2 BILLION JAIL PLAN. WE REALLY WANT -- WHAT WE WANT  
22 PRIORITIZED IS MENTAL HEALTH DIVERSION, WHICH YOU ALL ARE  
23 ALREADY MOVING TOWARDS. AND WE REALLY WANT YOU TO FOCUS ON  
24 CREATING A STRUCTURE FOR ALTERNATIVES AND DIVERSION IN LOS  
25 ANGELES COUNTY, THAT YOU COULD UTILIZE THIS \$200 MILLION TO DO





1 THAT. YOU CAN UTILIZE THAT \$200 MILLION TO FUND DIVERSION ON  
2 ALTERNATIVES IN L.A. COUNTY. WE COULD BUILD A TRAUMA CENTER.  
3 WE COULD BUILD A MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC. WE COULD BUILD HOUSING  
4 WITH THIS \$200 MILLION FROM THE STATE. AND WE WANT TO URGE YOU  
5 ALL TO USE THIS FUNDING TO DO THAT AND NOT TO BUILD ANOTHER  
6 JAIL. I ALSO BROUGHT SOME LETTERS FOR THE BOARD THAT I'D LIKE  
7 TO SHARE WITH YOU ALL THAT ARE BASICALLY OUTLINING OUR  
8 CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STATE PROPOSAL.

9

10 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

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12 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** MORNING. CHAIR SOLIS, SUPERVISORS, MY NAME'S  
13 JOSEPH MAIZLISH. IN NOTICING THE TRANSMITTAL LETTER, I SAW A  
14 TONE IN THERE THAT I'D LIKE TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION IN THE  
15 JUSTIFICATION SECTION. I KNOW THAT'S NOT PART OF THE  
16 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM ITSELF, BUT IT SAYS THAT THE PURPOSE IS TO  
17 PREVENT OR TO MINIMIZE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF STATE ACTIONS ON  
18 THE COUNTY. I'D SUGGEST WE TRY ON AN ATTITUDE THAT STARTS THE  
19 JUSTIFICATION SECTION WITH THE PURPOSE IS TO EXPAND THE  
20 BENEFITS TO THE COUNTY AND THE STATE OF ALL STATE ACTIONS. IN  
21 OTHER WORDS, LET'S STATE IT POSITIVELY. THAT AND HAVE THAT  
22 KIND OF MENTALITY. I SUPPOSE IT'S LANGUAGE THAT'S BEEN USED  
23 FROM YEAR-TO-YEAR, BUT IT WOULD JUST FEEL A LITTLE BETTER IF  
24 THE WHOLE MINDSET WERE OF A POSITIVE ATTITUDE. THERE'S  
25 SOMETHING ABOUT THE -- OH, BACK ON THE AMENDMENT BY SUPERVISOR



1 KNABE, I RECALL IN SUPERVISOR KNABE, MAY, IN DISCUSSION AFTER  
2 THE PASSAGE NOVEMBER 2014, AFTER THE PASSAGE OF 47, THERE WAS  
3 DISCUSSION AT THE C.C.J.C.C. MEETINGS. I ADVOCATED AND SPOKE  
4 WITH CONCERN ABOUT SERVICES FOR THE PEOPLE WHO'D BE GETTING  
5 REDUCTIONS OR NEW PEOPLE CONVICTED UNDER THE MISDEMEANORS, AND  
6 OTHER PEOPLE WERE CONCERNED, ALSO. AND SUPERVISOR KNABE SAID  
7 MAYBE WE NEED A 47-B. I APPRECIATE THAT AND I AGREED WITH IT  
8 AND YOU'VE DONE A LOT TOWARDS IT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND RIDLEY-  
9 THOMAS AND THE REST OF YOU, LAST WEEK. BUT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT  
10 COMMON SENSE. VERY GOOD IDEA BUT IT'S A RATHER ROOMY CONCEPT.  
11 AND I THINK IT SHOULD BE SUPPORTED BY CAREFUL STUDY OF WHAT  
12 WE'RE DOING. I HAVE THE PAPER HERE AND I'VE GIVEN SOME TO YOUR  
13 JUSTICE DEPUTIES IN THE PAST ABOUT MISTAKES IN THE STUDY,  
14 THINGS THAT ARE HUNG ON PROPOSITION 47 THAT ARE ACTUALLY LAW  
15 ENFORCEMENT DECISIONS, PROSECUTORIAL DECISIONS AND OTHER  
16 DECISIONS.

17  
18 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

19  
20 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** LET'S MAKE IT WORK. I'D LIKE TO HAND THESE TO  
21 YOU FOR YOU AND YOUR STAFF AND FOR THE C.E.O.

22  
23 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.



1   **MARK LIPMAN:** HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MARK LIPMAN WITH  
2   POWER PEOPLE ORGANIZED FOR WESTSIDE RENEWAL. WE'VE BEEN  
3   ORGANIZING LOW-INCOME TENANTS ON THE WEST SIDE SINCE 1999. AND  
4   I'D LIKE TO JUST BRING YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT NOT  
5   ONLY DO WE HAVE A HOUSING CRISIS HERE IN LOS ANGELES, WE ALSO  
6   HAVE A DISPLACEMENT CRISIS WHERE PEOPLE ARE BEING FORCED OUT  
7   OF THEIR EXISTING HOMES. AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS GREATLY  
8   AFFECTING MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS AND ADDING TO THE CRISIS OF  
9   HOMELESSNESS. SO A COUPLE LEGISLATIVE ITEMS I WOULD ASK YOU TO  
10   PRIORITIZE IS, FIRST, TO SEND UP TO THE STATE A REQUEST TO PUT  
11   A MORATORIUM OR APPEAL OF THE ELLIS ACT, WHICH IS BEING ABUSED  
12   LEFT AND RIGHT BY DEVELOPERS TO EVICT LOW- INCOME TENANTS FROM  
13   THEIR EXISTING HOUSING. ALSO, WE NEED PROTECTIONS FOR OUR  
14   HOMELESS POPULATION. AND WE'VE BEEN PUSHING FOR THE PAST  
15   COUPLE YEARS A HOMELESS BILL OF RIGHTS WHICH I WOULD URGE YOU  
16   TO ALSO SUPPORT AND SEND UP TO THE STATE FOR APPROVAL UP IN  
17   SACRAMENTO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

18  
19   **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

20  
21   **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. IT'S  
22   SOMEWHAT FASCINATING HOW YOU GET TO SEPARATE YOUR VOTES ON  
23   THESE ITEMS, BUT YOU PRESENT ALL THESE ITEMS AS ONE AGENDA  
24   ITEM. YOU KNOW, SEPARATE PORTIONS OF THIS YOU VOTE NO ON BUT  
25   THEY'RE NOT HEARD BEFORE THE PUBLIC. SOMETHING ABOUT CONTENT



1 VERSUS FORM, AN AGREEMENT BY THE COUNTY COUNSEL. BUT IT'S NICE  
2 TO HEAR THAT YOU WANT TO REMOVE OR YOU'RE AGAINST THE REMOVAL  
3 OF THE TWO-THIRDS LEGISLATION ABOUT RAISING REVENUES, WHICH IS  
4 REALLY CODE FOR TAXES, SO THAT MAYBE YOU CAN USE THAT METRO  
5 INGENUITY WHERE THEY CAN FORECAST THROUGH THE VULCAN MIND MELD  
6 POSSIBLE NUMBERS TO REACH. WHO KNOWS? IT WOULD BE NICE IF WE  
7 HEARD SOME THINGS ABOUT THE FOSTER CARE, THE LICENSING WAIVERS  
8 THAT ARE AFFORDED TO THE STATE, AND THE FELONS TO OPERATE  
9 GROUP HOMES. AND ALSO ABOUT FAMILY MEMBERS, WE HEARD SOME  
10 PRESENTATIONS WHEN THEY HAD THE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE ABOUT  
11 HOW FAMILY MEMBERS ARE PENALIZED FOR GETTING FOOD STAMPS AND  
12 WELFARE? SUPPLEMENTAL INCOME THAT AFFECTS THEIR RETIREMENT  
13 BENEFITS. AND THAT MEANS THAT THEY ACTUALLY GET PAID LESS,  
14 FAMILY MEMBERS WHO WOULD WANT TO BE FOSTER PARENTS ACTUALLY  
15 GET PAID LESS BENEFITS THAN OUTSIDE MEMBERS DO FOR FOSTER CARE  
16 PROVISIONS. THAT'S NOT BEEN ADDRESSED. AND, FINALLY, COMMON  
17 SENSE ADJUSTMENTS. WHO'S GOING TO SUPPLY THE COMMON SENSE? THE  
18 COUNTY? I DON'T KNOW. I'M PRETTY -- THAT'S LIKE MULTIPLYING BY  
19 ZERO. THE STATE LEGISLATION, WE'VE HEARD DISCUSSIONS ABOUT HOW  
20 THAT USED TO BE, WHAT WAS THAT? THE THEME FROM STAR WARS,  
21 WASN'T IT, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH? STATE LEGISLATION?

22  
23 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S EXPIRED. WE WILL NOW RETURN BACK TO  
24 THE AMENDMENTS.



1 **AVIANNA URIBE, ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM NO. 11, MADAME  
2 CHAIR, IT WOULD BE FIRST APPROPRIATE TO TAKE UP SUPERVISOR  
3 KUEHL'S AMENDMENT.

4

5 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, HER ITEM HAS BEEN MOVED  
6 AND SECONDED. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR? [CHORUS OF AYES.] UNANIMOUS.  
7 SO ORDERED. NEXT AMENDMENT?

8

9 **AVIANNA URIBE, ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SECONDLY WE HAVE SUPERVISOR  
10 KNABE'S AMENDMENT.

11

12 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ROLL CALL. YES, IT'S BEEN MOVED AND  
13 SECONDED. ROLL CALL.

14

15 **AVIANNA URIBE, ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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17 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NO.

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19 **AVIANNA URIBE, ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** I APOLOGIZE. SUPERVISOR  
20 RIDLEY-THOMAS? WE ARE CURRENTLY ON SUPERVISOR KNABE'S  
21 AMENDMENT, WHICH WAS ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO.

24

25 **AVIANNA URIBE, ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?



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2 SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: NO.

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4 AVIANNA URIBE, ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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6 SUP. KNABE: AYE.

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8 AVIANNA URIBE, ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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10 SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH: AYE

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12 AVIANNA URIBE, ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

13

14 HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: NO.

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16 AVIANNA URIBE, ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: MOTION FAILS. NOW WE HAVE

17 ITEM NO. 11 BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S AMENDMENT ALONG WITH THE

18 NOTED VOTES NO ON THE SECTIONS THAT BOTH SUPERVISOR KNABE

19 REQUESTED AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE ITEM'S BEFORE YOU.

20

21 HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THAT HAS BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. IS THERE

22 ANY OBJECTION?

23

24 SUP. KNABE: WELL, WITH THE NOTED OBJECTIONS.

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1     **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITH THE NOTED, YES.

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3     **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

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5     **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT IS AN AYE. OKAY, THAT IS SO ORDERED,  
6     THEN. RIGHT, THANK YOU. ITEM NO. 16 WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR  
7     ANTONOVICH.

8

9     **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT THE BOARD  
10    DIRECT THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
11    AND REQUEST THE SHERIFF TO PROVIDE A 30-DAY REPORT -- REPORT  
12    WITHIN 30 DAYS FOR THE DEFINITION OF PROGRAM SUCCESS,  
13    INCLUDING THE MEASUREMENTS OF OUTCOME, WHICH WOULD SERVE AS  
14    THE BASIS TO EXTEND THE PILOT PROJECT IN EACH OF THE TWO  
15    FISCAL YEARS, AND A REPORT NEAR THE CONCLUSION OF THE FIRST  
16    CYCLE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM IN ADVANCE OF EXTENDING IT TO THE  
17    FOLLOWING FISCAL YEAR THAT INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO THE  
18    PROGRAM SUCCESS, OR FAILURES, ANY A.W.O.L.S OR RETENTION  
19    ISSUES, ANY MODIFICATIONS MADE OR CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TAKEN,  
20    AND A RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING PROGRAM EXTENSION.

21

22    **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT ITEM IS BEFORE US. IS THERE A MOTION  
23    BY ANTONOVICH? SECONDED BY KNABE. I DID WANT TO MAKE A  
24    STATEMENT REGARDING THE AMENDMENT. WHILE, SUPERVISOR  
25    ANTONOVICH, I'M NOT OPPOSED TO YOUR AMENDMENT, I DO WANT TO



1 SIGNIFY THAT I THINK THAT WHILE WE ARE MOVING TOWARDS THIS NEW  
2 EFFORT IN DIVERSION, I THINK IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT FOR US TO  
3 UNDERSTAND THAT WE MAY HAVE SOME SUCCESSES AND MAYBE NOT FULL  
4 -- WE MAY HAVE SOME DISAPPROVAL OR THINGS THAT DON'T ALWAYS  
5 WORK THE WAY WE WOULD LIKE. BUT I DON'T WANT TO ASSUME THAT  
6 WE'RE GOING TO BE JUDGING OUR FIRST EFFORT JUST IN ONE YEAR AS  
7 WE BEGIN TO ROLL OUT THESE PROGRAMS. AND I THINK WHAT WE NEED  
8 TO DO IS LOOK AT WHAT HAS BEEN DONE ALREADY IN MIAMI AND IN  
9 SAN ANTONIO AND TO THINK ABOUT THAT, BECAUSE THERE ARE GOING  
10 TO BE A LOT OF THINGS THAT WE'RE GOING TO LEARN. AND AT LEAST,  
11 IN MY OPINION, THE COUNTY IS BEGINNING TO DO SOMETHING, WHICH  
12 I THINK IS REALLY IMPORTANT. WE NEED TO ALLOW OURSELVES THE  
13 ROOM TO LEARN FROM OUR FAILURE, BUT, YOU KNOW, TO EMBRACE IT  
14 AND TO WORK ON IT AND MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE DOING THE VERY  
15 BEST WE CAN WHEN WE THINK ABOUT DIVERSION. SO I'M IN SUPPORT  
16 OF SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION TO THE EXTENT THAT WE DO  
17 REALIZE IT IS GOING TO BE A WORK IN PROGRESS.

18  
19 **SUP. KNABE:** ABSOLUTELY.

20  
21 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE DO HAVE SOME PUBLIC SPEAKERS. OKAY. WE  
22 HAVE JOSEPH MAIZLISH, ARNOLD SACHS, AND GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.

23  
24 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** GOOD MORNING AGAIN. THIS, I HAVE KIND OF  
25 COMMENTS ON BOTH SIDES FOR THIS. ONE IS IT'S VERY -- THIS CAN





1 GO MUCH, MUCH FARTHER THAN IT'S STARTING OUT AS WRITTEN. BUT  
2 WITH THE CAREFUL STUDY THAT YOU FOLKS ARE UNDERTAKING AND WITH  
3 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S ADDITION, OF COURSE, WE CAN LEARN A  
4 LOT. THE LIMITS OF MENTAL ILLNESS, BY THE WAY, ARE NOT AS  
5 CLEARLY DEFINED AS WE MAY THINK. SOME PEOPLE SEEM TO BE IN A  
6 DISTURBED STATE VERY EASILY IN THAT STATE OR IN THAT STATE ALL  
7 THE TIME, OTHERS ONLY IN SPECIFIC SITUATIONS. SO WHERE IS THE  
8 LINE? WHERE'S THE BOUNDARY? BUT WITH THE GUIDE OF PUBLIC  
9 SAFETY IN MIND, I BELIEVE THAT YOU'LL BE ABLE TO INSTITUTE  
10 ASSESSMENTS AND BECOME VERY SOPHISTICATED ABOUT THIS. AND I  
11 BELIEVE IT WILL HAVE A BIG GROWTH IN NON-INCARCERATION  
12 PROGRAMS, ALTHOUGH WITH THE TOOL OF INCARCERATION, OF COURSE,  
13 AVAILABLE. BUT THAT'S GOING TO BE A VERY BIG AND IMPORTANT  
14 CHANGE. ON THE OTHER HAND, I RECOGNIZE THAT IT TAKES QUITE A  
15 WHILE FOR -- WITH ALL THE INSTITUTIONAL INTERESTS, THE HABITS  
16 OF THE WAY THINGS ARE BEING DONE, FOR THINGS TO CHANGE. SO I  
17 WANT TO QUOTE HENRY DAVID THOREAU. IT MATTERS NOT HOW SMALL  
18 THE BEGINNING MAY APPEAR TO BE. A THING, ONCE DONE WELL, IS  
19 DONE FOREVER. AND SO ON THIS START AND ON ALL THE STARTS THAT  
20 YOU FOLKS HAVE BEEN WORKING ON IN THE LAST YEAR, EVEN IF I  
21 THINK THEY CAN GO FASTER, I SUPPORT WHATEVER IS DONE IN THOSE  
22 DIRECTIONS. THANK YOU.

23  
24 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER?



1 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.  
2 ON SIDE ITEM IS THE SOLE-VENDOR CONTRACT, BUT IT'S SO  
3 DIFFICULT TO FIND THE APPROPRIATE CARE FOR A LOT OF THE MENTAL  
4 ILLNESS, ESPECIALLY HAVING TO DO TO PEOPLE WHO ARE ALSO  
5 INCARCERATED AND SO ON. SO I AM GLAD TO SEE YOU ARE PUTTING  
6 SOME ATTENTION TO THAT ISSUE. BUT I THINK YOU NEED TO BE  
7 REALLY -- MONITOR TO MAKE SURE THAT INDEED THE CARE IS  
8 PROVIDED. AND I HOPE THAT YOU ARE LOOKING WITH FAVOR TO FIND A  
9 NEW DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. AND DO WE  
10 HAVE ANY UPDATE ON THAT? THAT WOULD BE NICE TO KNOW. THANK  
11 YOU.

12  
13 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WITNESS? ARNOLD  
14 SACHS.

15  
16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** NOT A WITNESS, I'M A SPEAKER, MADAME CHAIR, BUT  
17 THANK YOU. I WILL ACT AS A WITNESS. IT SAYS HERE A COUPLE  
18 ITEMS IN THIS AGENDA ITEM. SENTENCED MALE INMATES. BUT IT  
19 DOESN'T REFER TO ANY FEMALE INMATES. AND YOU'RE GOING TO  
20 PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN A RESIDENTIAL SETTING. HAVE  
21 YOU PICKED OUT A RESIDENTIAL SETTING? HAVE YOU PICKED A  
22 COMMUNITY? OR THIS GATEWAY HOSPITAL AND MENTAL HEALTH CENTER?  
23 THEY HAVE THE SETTINGS ALREADY PICKED OUT? BECAUSE THAT SEEMS  
24 TO BE A BIG RUB. YOU KNOW, YOU HEAR PEOPLE TALK ABOUT WE NEED  
25 TO HAVE THESE OUTREACH PROGRAMS IN THE COMMUNITY, IN THE



1 COUNTY, AND EVERYWHERE. BUT THEN WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO THE  
2 NUTS AND BOLTS OF PICKING AN INCORPORATED CITY, NOT IN MY  
3 BACKYARD. AND ALSO THIS PART HERE WHERE YOU'RE GOING TO  
4 INCREASE THIS M.C.A., WHICH IS THE MAXIMUM CONTRACT AMOUNT, BY  
5 \$4 MILLION, THAT MEANS YOU'VE ALREADY SPENT \$23 MILLION OR  
6 YOU'VE CONTRACTED WITH \$23 MILLION FOR THIS GROUP. WHAT HAVE  
7 THEY BEEN DOING WITH THE \$23 MILLION? GOT ANY IDEAS? ANY CLUES  
8 YOU COULD TELL THE PUBLIC? BECAUSE IT SEEMS TO ME FOR \$4  
9 MILLION -- AND HOW MANY PEOPLE WOULD BE INVOLVED IN THIS?  
10 WHAT'S THE NUMBERS YOU'RE LOOKING AT? 100, 1,000? YOU TALKED  
11 ABOUT A THOUSAND BEDS FOR MENTALLY ILL PATIENTS IN THE NEW  
12 JAIL. HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE YOU LOOKING FOR TO PUT IT INTO THE  
13 COMMUNITIES FOR THESE CENTERS AND BEDS FOR THESE CENTERS THAT  
14 WILL BE REFERRED TO BY GATEWAY HOSPITALS AND MENTAL HEALTH  
15 CENTERS? AND WHO DOES THE BACKUP WORK ON THAT? WHO DOES THE  
16 CHECKING AND TO SEE HOW THEY'RE DOING? THE LICENSING AND THE  
17 EFFECT, THE RESULTS. BECAUSE THIS IS RESULTS-DRIVEN. WE KNOW  
18 HOW WELL YOU HANDLE THAT PART OF YOUR PROGRAM. JUST SOME  
19 QUESTIONS WE'D LIKE TO GET SOME ANSWERS ON. DO YOU THINK YOU'D  
20 HELP?

21  
22 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. YES, SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

23  
24 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I JUST WANTED TO  
25 SAY I AGREE WITH MR. MAIZLISH. PEOPLE SAY TO US "WELL, THERE'S



1 THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO NEED THIS." EVEN THOSE  
2 WHO AGREE WITH US, OVER THE YEAR, WE HAVE MADE A SERIOUS  
3 ATTEMPT AND A LOT OF PLANS ABOUT DIVERSION, ABOUT ALTERNATIVE  
4 CUSTODY, ABOUT TREATMENT. AS WE SAID AT THE TIME, IT'S A SEA  
5 CHANGE, REALLY, IN THE NOTION OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.  
6 BUT THE NEXT, MOST DIFFICULT STEP IS MAKING IT WORK, MAKING IT  
7 HAPPEN. IT'S NOT AS THOUGH 1,500 BEDS ARE GOING TO OPEN RIGHT  
8 THIS MINUTE. AND I REALLY WANT TO PRAISE D.M.H. AND THE  
9 SHERIFF FOR THIS BEGINNING. AND OF COURSE I DON'T THINK ANY OF  
10 US THINK THIS WILL BE THE END OF IT, BUT IT'S TWO THINGS ARE  
11 GOOD ABOUT IT. ONE IS IT IS A BEGINNING. AND THE SECOND IS IT  
12 WILL REALLY GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO UNDERSTAND WHETHER WE'RE  
13 ON THE RIGHT TRACK, WHETHER THIS KIND OF TREATMENT IS INDEED  
14 THE WAY TO GO AS OPPOSED TO JUST WAREHOUSING AND HAVING PEOPLE  
15 RECYCLE IN AND OUT OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. SO I THINK  
16 THIS IS A VERY GOOD START, SMALL AS IT MAY SEEM. AND I  
17 STRONGLY SUPPORT IT.

18  
19 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD, OKAY. THIS ITEM, 16, AS AMENDED, HAS  
20 BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. IS THERE ANY OPPOSITION? HEARING  
21 NONE, SO ORDERED. NO. 4, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. MEMBERS, THIS  
22 IS SUBMITTED BY RIDLEY-THOMAS AND KUEHL THAT THE BOARD HONOR  
23 THE FEDERAL IMMIGRATION POLICIES OF THE UNITED STATES AND  
24 WELCOME REFUGEES FLEEING PERSECUTION IN THEIR HOME COUNTRIES



1 TO ADJUST TO A NEW, PEACEFUL, PRODUCTIVE LIFE IN LOS ANGELES  
2 COUNTY. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, COULD YOU TAKE THE --

3  
4 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST SAY THAT WE ARE IN A  
5 SERIOUS SITUATION TODAY WITH THE NUMBER OF OUR FEDERAL  
6 GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES AND OFFICIALS WHO ARE WARNING OF A  
7 SERIOUS PROBLEM WITHOUT A VETTING PROCESS IN PLACE. I'D LIKE  
8 TO STATE THAT THE F.B.I. DIRECTOR STATED THERE IS RISK  
9 ASSOCIATED WITH BRINGING ANYBODY IN FROM THE OUTSIDE BUT  
10 ESPECIALLY LIKE A CONFLICT ZONE LIKE SYRIA. MY CONCERN THERE  
11 IS THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN GAPS I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT  
12 PUBLICLY IN THE DATA AVAILABLE TO US. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF  
13 HOMELAND SECURITY, SECRETARY JOHNSON ADDED, "IT'S TRUE THAT WE  
14 ARE NOT GOING TO KNOW A WHOLE LOT ABOUT THE SYRIANS THAT COME  
15 FORTH IN THIS PROCESS." HE ALSO EXPLAINED THAT THE  
16 ORGANIZATIONS LIKE I.S.I.L. MIGHT LIKE TO EXPLOIT THE SYRIAN  
17 REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM INTO THE UNITED STATES. DIRECTOR  
18 OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE JAMES CLAPPER STATED, "WE DON'T  
19 OBVIOUSLY PUT IT PAST THE LIKES OF I.S.I.L. TO INFILTRATE  
20 OPERATIVES AMONG THESE REFUGEES." RETIRED GENERAL JOHN ALLEN,  
21 WHO WAS THE PRESIDENT'S ENVOY ON THE COALITION TO DEFEAT  
22 I.S.I.L., URGED SIMILAR CAUTION. "WE SHOULD BE CONSCIOUS OF  
23 THE POTENTIAL THAT I.S.I.S. MAY ATTEMPT TO EMBED AGENTS WITHIN  
24 THAT POPULATION." AND MY HEART GOES OUT TO THOSE PEOPLE THAT  
25 HAVE BEEN DISPLACED BY THE SYRIAN WAR. HOWEVER, THERE ARE



1 SERIOUS CONFLICTS. EVEN SENATOR FEINSTEIN BROKE WITH THE  
2 ADMINISTRATION RELATIVE TO THE ISLAMIC STATE IF IT IS NOT  
3 CONTAINED. I THINK THIS IS THE WRONG TIME TO BE MOVING FORWARD  
4 ON THIS WHEN WE ALLOW PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT BEEN VETTED INTO THE  
5 UNITED STATES. AND AS I SAID, THE F.B.I., HOMELAND SECURITY  
6 AND ALL HAVE MENTIONED THAT WE DON'T HAVE IN PLACE THE VETTING  
7 PROCESS TO ENSURE THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD COME IN MAY  
8 NOT BE A SERIOUS THREAT. WE JUST HAD IN PARIS, I KNOW, ONE OF  
9 THOSE PERSONS WHO HAD COME IN WAS -- CAME IN THROUGH THE  
10 REFUGEE PROGRAM. WE DON'T KNOW. THE CONSEQUENCES ARE TOO  
11 GREAT. AND IT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE THOSE WHO DO COME  
12 IN ARE THOROUGHLY VETTED BEFORE THEY DO COME IN.

13  
14 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL? SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
15 THOMAS? THE ORIGINATOR.

16  
17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR. LET ME  
18 JUST SIMPLY SAY THE MATTER BEFORE US ESSENTIALLY SPEAKS FOR  
19 ITSELF IN THE SENSE THAT WE SEEK TO HONOR OUR FEDERAL  
20 IMMIGRATION POLICIES AND THE LONG-STANDING TRADITION THAT  
21 DISTINGUISHES THOSE OF US WHO EMBRACE THE HIGHEST IDEALS OF  
22 DEMOCRACY. AND I THINK WE DO THAT AT THE SAME TIME THAT WE  
23 PROTECT OUR SAFETY AND PROTECT THE TRADITION OF WELCOMING  
24 THOSE WHO ARE FLEEING FROM WHAT CANNOT BE DENIED AS HORRIFIC  
25 FORMS OF VIOLENCE AND OTHER CONDITIONS. THIS IS NOT NEW TO THE



1 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THIS IS ABOUT A NATION THAT  
2 ESTABLISHES ITSELF AS A BEACON FOR MANY GOOD THINGS. AND WE  
3 REMIND OURSELVES THAT, AFTER ALL, REFUGEES ARE HUMAN BEINGS.  
4 THESE REFUGEE FAMILIES ARE THE MOST RIGOROUSLY SUBJECTED TO  
5 KIND OF SCRUTINY AND VETTING THAT IT MEANS TO BE HERE. THE  
6 SCREENING PROCESS IS, IN FACT, THOROUGH, SMART AND EFFECTIVE,  
7 AND IT OUGHT TO BE. AND THE TRADITION THAT WE HAVE OF  
8 CELEBRATING DIVERSITY OF OUR RESIDENTS, MANY OF WHOM ARE FROM  
9 REFUGEE FAMILIES AND THE LIKE, AND WE SIMPLY CHOOSE TO PUSH  
10 BACK ON EVERY VESTIGE OF BIGOTRY THAT THREATENS THE BEST OF  
11 WHAT IT MEANS TO CELEBRATE DEMOCRACY. WE DO THAT ANNUALLY IN  
12 JUNE. WE HAVE REFUGEE AWARENESS MONTH. AND IT'S THE SAME BOARD  
13 OF SUPERVISORS THAT RENOUNCED THE 1942 COUNTY RESOLUTION WHICH  
14 SUPPORTED THE INTERNMENT OF FELLOW AMERICANS WHO HAPPEN TO BE  
15 OF JAPANESE DESCENT. TODAY YOU HEARD SOMEONE COME HERE AND SAY  
16 THAT, AS AN IMMIGRANT AND WHAT KIND OF LIFE HAS HE LED, A LIFE  
17 WORTH CELEBRATING, A LIFE THAT CAUSED HIM TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED  
18 RIGHT HERE IN THIS BOARDROOM TODAY. WE COMMEMORATED THE 100TH  
19 ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE AND CELEBRATE THE  
20 CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE ARMENIAN COMMUNITY. WE DO THAT, BECAUSE  
21 WE BELIEVE THAT DIVERSITY IS ONE OF OUR ASSETS, NOT  
22 GRATUITOUSLY BUT RESPONSIBLY. OUR EMPLOYEES ASPIRE TO THE  
23 HIGHEST STANDARD OF COURTESY AND RESPECT. AND WE WANT THAT TO  
24 BE THE CASE. BUT WE SHOULD ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT OUR EMPLOYEE  
25 BASE, 100,000 STRONG, REPRESENTS PEOPLE FROM VARIOUS



1 TRADITIONS, ETHNICALLY, RELIGIOUSLY IN TERMS OF THEIR PLACE  
2 AND BIRTH, THAT IS TO SAY THEIR NATIONALITY, AND TO THE EXTENT  
3 THAT THAT IS THE CASE, WE SHOULD NOT TOLERATE RACIAL  
4 ANTAGONISM, PREJUDICE OR BIAS IN ANY SHAPE, FORM OR FASHION IN  
5 OUR OWN SPACE AND EFFECTIVELY CAUSE OURSELVES, THEN, TO BE WHO  
6 WE CAN BE, THE BEST OF WHO WE CAN AND SHOULD BE. NO EVIDENCE  
7 HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO DATE THAT WOULD CAUSE US TO REJECT THIS  
8 NOTION THAT IS BEING OFFERED IN THE MOTION, A MOTION THAT  
9 ESSENTIALLY SEEKS TO REAFFIRM THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES'S  
10 COMMITMENT TO HOSPITALITY, TO DEMOCRACY AND TO COMPASSION.  
11 MADAME CHAIR.

12  
13 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

14  
15 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I WANT TO  
16 ASSOCIATE MYSELF WITH THE REMARKS OF MY COLLEAGUE MARK RIDLEY-  
17 THOMAS AND TO SIMPLY ADD WHAT THE MOTION DOES AND WHAT IT  
18 DOESN'T DO. IT OF COURSE IS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S RULE TO  
19 DECIDE WHO WILL BE ADMITTED IN VARIOUS WAYS TO THE COUNTRY AND  
20 WHO WILL NOT. I HAVE NO DOUBT, WITH THE CONSTITUTION OF THE  
21 CONGRESS THE WAY IT IS NOW, THAT THE RULES WILL BE STRINGENT  
22 ENOUGH, WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ALL OF THE DANGERS AND,  
23 UNFORTUNATELY, IN SOME INSTANCES, THE DEMAGOGUERY. BUT IT'S  
24 NOT FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO SAY WE DON'T THINK YOU  
25 BUILT THE WALLS HIGH ENOUGH, WE'RE GOING TO BUILD A HIGHER





1 WALL. WHAT THIS MOTION SAYS IS, ONCE THE UNITED STATES OF  
2 AMERICA, AND WE ARE, IN CALIFORNIA, PART OF THE UNITED STATES  
3 OF AMERICA, DECIDES THAT A PERSON, NO MATTER WHERE FROM, IS  
4 WORTHY TO BE ADMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES, THAT THE COUNTY OF  
5 LOS ANGELES WILL NOT ENGAGE IN FURTHER DEMAGOGUERY, LABELING,  
6 PREJUDICE; BUT, RATHER, WILL BE, AS IT ALWAYS HAS BEEN,  
7 PROBABLY MORE THAN ANY OTHER PLACE IN THE COUNTRY, A WELCOMING  
8 PLACE FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO AND NEED TO RELOCATE, WHO WANT TO  
9 AND NEED TO START OVER. OUR ANCESTORS, AND IN MANY CASES OUR  
10 PARENTS, AT LEAST OUR GRANDPARENTS, HAVE GONE THROUGH MUCH THE  
11 SAME THING. IF PEOPLE WERE BARRED BECAUSE THEY CAME FROM A  
12 PLACE THAT WAS HAVING CONFLICT AT THE TIME THEY LEFT, I DON'T  
13 THINK HALF OF US WOULD BE HERE, OR AT LEAST WE WOULDN'T HAVE  
14 BEEN BORN HERE. SO ALL THIS MOTION SAYS IS THAT LOS ANGELES  
15 WILL CONTINUE ITS TRADITION, ITS DEVOTION TO BEING A PLACE  
16 WHO, ONCE THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS SAID, "THIS PERSON  
17 MAY ENTER," WILL SAY, "THIS IS A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE." THANK  
18 YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

19  
20 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY WELL. WITH THAT, MEMBERS OF THE  
21 PUBLIC, I WILL CALL FORWARD RABBI JONATHAN KLEIN. ARNOLD  
22 SACHS. MARK LIPMAN. JOHN WALSH. THANK YOU.

23  
24 **RABBI JONATHAN KLEIN:** GOOD MORNING, RABBI JONATHAN KLEIN WITH  
25 CLERGY AND LAITY UNITED FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE. I'M SURPRISED



1 THIS ISN'T ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR. IT'S SUCH AN OBVIOUS  
2 STATEMENT OF DECENCY AND HUMANITY AND WELCOMING PEOPLE. IT  
3 SAYS ON OUR STATUE OF LIBERTY, "GIVE ME YOUR TIRED, YOUR POOR,  
4 YOUR HUDDLED MASSES YEARNING TO BREATHE FREE, THE WRETCHED  
5 REFUGE OF YOUR TEEMING SHORE. SEND THESE, THE HOMELESS,  
6 TEMPEST-TOSSED TO ME. I LIFT MY LAMP BESIDE THE GOLDEN DOOR."  
7 A THOUSAND RABBIS NATIONALLY SIGNED ONTO A LETTER SAYING:  
8 WELCOME THESE IMMIGRANTS. EVEN ISRAELI ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS  
9 THE ISRAELI POLICY FORUM UNEQUIVOCALLY MEET THE XENOPHOBIA  
10 THAT IS RISING CURRENTLY IN OUR SOCIETY WITH: NO, THIS IS  
11 WRONG. WE NEED TO WELCOME PEOPLE WHO ARE STRUGGLING. WE HAVE  
12 PEOPLE COMING FROM A COUNTRY THAT THEY CANNOT REALLY RETURN  
13 TO. MY PEOPLE IN THE 40S, IN THE FAMOUS STORY OF THE ST.  
14 LOUIS, HAD BOATLOADS OF PEOPLE LEAVING EUROPE AND FACING  
15 HORRIFIC CONDITIONS. AND THEY WERE TURNED AWAY. HALF OF THE  
16 PEOPLE ON THE ST. LOUIS WENT BACK TO EUROPE AND WERE KILLED BY  
17 NAZIS. WE WERE AN UNWELCOMING NATION. AND HAVE WE LEARNED  
18 ANYTHING IN THE YEARS SINCE THEN? AND JUST BECAUSE THE  
19 PASSPORTS ARE NOT WITH NAMES LIKE SCHWARTZ AND ROTH, BUT  
20 INSTEAD WITH NAMES LIKE ABDULLAH AND MUHAMMAD, THERE'S NO  
21 REASON -- AND NOT TO MENTION, CHRISTIAN SYRIANS AND A WHOLE  
22 SLEW OF COMMUNITIES, PEOPLE OF ALL SORTS OF BACKGROUNDS, TO  
23 THROW THEM ALL OUT AND TO DISCONNECT THEM FROM OUR SOCIETY IS  
24 WRONG. SO I AM SO GRATEFUL TO MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SHEILA  
25 KUEHL FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. THANK YOU.



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2 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

3  
4 **MARK LIPMAN:** YES, MARK LIPMAN HERE. FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO SEND  
5 MY GREAT THANKS TO BOTH SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND MARK RIDLEY-  
6 THOMAS FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. IT JUST SHOWS COMMON  
7 SENSE, HUMANITY AND JUSTICE, WHICH ARE TRUE TRAITS OF REAL  
8 LEADERSHIP. LEST WE FORGET, WE ARE ALL CHILDREN OF IMMIGRANTS.  
9 AND AS SOME OF THE COMMENTS I'M ECHOING HERE, THAT MANY PEOPLE  
10 WHO ARE IN THIS COUNTRY TODAY HAVE FLED SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES.  
11 AND ALONG WITH MANY, THOUSANDS AND TENS AND HUNDREDS OF  
12 THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, I DO NOT BELIEVE THE OFFICIAL STORY  
13 THAT'S GOING ON WITH ALL THIS FEARMONGERING AND HATEMONGERING  
14 AND DEMAGOGUERY OF A SINGLE RELIGION. MANY OF THE OFFICIAL  
15 STORIES WHEN THESE ATTACKS COME OUT ARE CONTRARY TO  
16 EYEWITNESSES. JUST IN SAN BERNARDINO THIS WEEK, FIRST WITNESS  
17 ACCOUNTS WERE THREE LARGE WHITE MEN. THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN IT  
18 MORPHS IN A MATTER OF HOURS TO A MUSLIM COUPLE. AND NOW WE  
19 HAVE ALL THIS HATEMONGERING IN ALL THE MAINSTREAM MEDIA  
20 AGAINST A RELIGION. AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS NOT  
21 ACCEPTABLE. WE CANNOT STAND FOR THIS TYPE OF DEVISIVENESS  
22 WITHIN OUR COUNTRY. AND TO SUPPORT A MOTION LIKE THIS IS  
23 SIMPLY JUST COMMON SENSE. THANK YOU.

24  
25 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.



1  
2 **KOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG,  
3 CHECK IT OUT. I WANT TO SAY, FIRST OF ALL, THAT DONALD TRUMP  
4 IS A VILE, EVIL RACIST. AND I WANT TO SAY THAT I'M 100 PERCENT  
5 IN FAVOR OF GUN CONTROL. AND I AM 100 PERCENT IN FAVOR OF  
6 STOPPING SYRIAN REFUGEES, THE 10,000 THAT THE PRESIDENT WANTS  
7 TO BRING IN. AND YOU LIED, MS. KUEHL, BECAUSE I WANT TO QUOTE  
8 FROM WHAT THIS SAYS. THIS INCREASE, THE OVERALL NUMBER OF  
9 SYRIAN REFUGEES THE U.S. WILL RESETTLE OVER THE COURSE OF THE  
10 NEXT TWO YEARS. AND I WANT TO EDUCATE YOU. I SPENT ONE YEAR IN  
11 SAUDI ARABIA. IT'S A RELIGION OF HATE, AND THE HATE IS AGAINST  
12 JEWS. YOU'RE NOT A JEW. THEY'RE NOT GOING TO TRY TO KILL YOU  
13 WHEN YOU COME IN HERE. I WILL AGREE WITH ANTONOVICH AND KNABE.  
14 AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU KNOW ABOUT WHAT  
15 GENITAL MUTILATION MEANS. NO SYRIAN WOMAN WHO COMES INTO THIS  
16 COUNTRY HAS NOT HAD HER CLITORIS TORN OFF HER BODY BY HER  
17 CLERIC. SO IF YOU WANT TO SUPPORT THAT KIND OF VILE  
18 [EXPLITIVE], YOU CAN SUPPORT IT. I'M TELLING YOU RIGHT NOW: AT  
19 THE PRESS CONFERENCE IN THE MOSQUE THAT WAS HELD AFTER THE  
20 SHOOTING, THE MOSQUE SEPARATED THE MEN. SHE'S IN THE EVEN  
21 PAYING ATTENTION. THEY SEPARATED THE MEN FROM THE WOMEN AMONG  
22 THE PRESS. REMEMBER, YOU'RE NOT A SECOND CLASS CITIZEN. IF YOU  
23 BELIEVE IN ISLAM, YOU'RE GOING TO GO TO HEAVEN AND YOU'RE  
24 GOING GET 150 HOURIS, H.O.U.R.I.S. AND YOU'RE GOING TO  
25 [EXPLITIVE] THEM ALL DAY AND ALL NIGHT FOR THE REST OF



1 ETERNITY. AND YOUR WIFE DISAPPEARS. THAT'S WHAT IT IS. AND I  
2 SAY IT. AND IF YOU VOTE FOR THESE TERRORISTS, LET THE BLOOD BE  
3 ON YOUR HANDS, MISS KUEHL. LET THE BLOOD BE ON YOUR HANDS,  
4 MISS SOLIS AND LET THE BLOOD BE ON THE HANDS OF MARK RIDLEY-  
5 THOMAS...

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7 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

9 **JOHN WALSH:** SCUM BAGS!

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11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** MY EARS ARE BURNING. I'D JUST LIKE TO POINT OUT,  
12 IT'S NOT A NOT A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER. IT'S JUST A LETTER. I,  
13 TOO, MENTIONED THIS PART OF THE FEDERAL EFFORT. HOW ABOUT A  
14 FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER ABOUT FEDERAL EFFORTS ON SOME KIND OF  
15 COMMON-SENSE GUN CONTROL? WHERE DID WE HEAR THAT BEFORE?  
16 EMBEDDING AGENTS? I'M REMINDED A COUPLE YEARS AGO, WAS IT A  
17 COUPLE YEARS AGO WHERE THEY HAD THE BROUHAHA ABOUT THE SOVIET  
18 CITIZENS LIVING IN THE MIDWEST AND THE POLITICAL CARTOONIST  
19 SUPERIMPOSED THAT FAMOUS PICTURE OF "AMERICAN GOTHIC" WHERE  
20 THEY SHOWED THE SOVIET CITIZENS DRESSED UP AS FARMERS? SO, WHO  
21 KNOWS? VIOLENCE? HOW ABOUT IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND MEXICO,  
22 WHERE BEHEADINGS ARE SOMEWHAT THE NORM OF THE DAY? I  
23 APPRECIATE THAT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS MENTIONING THE  
24 100,000 STRONG EMPLOYEE BASE, WHICH EFFECTIVELY EXCLUDES THE  
25 IN-HOME CARE WORKERS, BECAUSE YOU HAD LEGISLATION FOR 140,000



1 OF THEM. SO THEY ARE NOT REALLY EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY. AND  
2 PEOPLE WHO WORK AS HOME-CARE WORKERS SHOULD COME TO UNDERSTAND  
3 THAT. BUT IT IS A COMMON-SENSE THING. WHAT IT MEANS, I'D LIKE  
4 TO KNOW HOW THE NEW PEACEFUL AND PRODUCTIVE LIFE WILL WORK OUT  
5 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AS THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS WHERE IT'S  
6 THE WELFARE CAPITAL OF AMERICA AS FAR AS WAGES, LOW INCOME  
7 HOUSING. THERE'S A HOUSING SHORTAGE. HALF A MILLION PEOPLE,  
8 HALF A MILLION UNITS. THERE'S 40,000 PEOPLE WAITING FOR  
9 SECTION 8 HOUSING. HOW YOU WILL ASSIMILATE THIS GROUP OF  
10 REFUGEES INTO THE COUNTY. LET'S SEE HOW THAT PLAN WORKS OUT.

11  
12 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I HAVE ANOTHER WITNESS, ROBIN  
13 TOMA. WELCOME.

14  
15 **ROBIN TOMA:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ROBIN TOMA,  
16 AND I'M EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COUNTY'S HUMAN RELATIONS  
17 COMMISSION. AND I WAS NOT NECESSARILY GOING TO SPEAK TODAY,  
18 BUT I DO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT, AS WE HAVE HEARD, WE'RE IN  
19 AN EXTRAORDINARY TIME IN OUR COMMUNITY. TENSIONS ARE VERY  
20 HIGH. THE TRAGEDY IN SAN BERNARDINO HAS STRUCK ALL OF US IN A  
21 VERY HARD WAY. IT RAISES THE LEVEL OF FEAR, ANGER, EMOTIONS  
22 THAT ARE FELT IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND WE KNOW WHAT CAN HAPPEN IN  
23 THIS KIND OF CONTEXT. WE KNOW BECAUSE WE HAVE A HISTORY THAT  
24 WE'RE AWARE OF. AFTER 9/11, WHERE WE EXPERIENCED NOT ONLY WHAT  
25 HAPPENED IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, BUT WE KNEW IT COULD



1 HAPPEN HERE. THAT FEAR, THAT SUSPICION THAT WAS AIMED AT THOSE  
2 WHO WERE BELIEVED TO HAVE COMMITTED THE KILLING AT THE TIME,  
3 RESULTED IN A 2,000 PERCENT INCREASE IN HATE CRIME AGAINST  
4 MUSLIMS, MIDDLE EASTERNERS AND THOSE WHO ARE PERCEIVED TO BE  
5 OF THOSE BACKGROUNDS. WE KNOW THAT GOING BACK FARTHER IN  
6 HISTORY, THERE WERE, AS WAS MENTIONED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
7 THOMAS, OVER 110,000 AMERICANS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY WHO WERE  
8 IMPRISONED, AMONG THEM MY MOTHER AND HER FAMILY, SOLELY  
9 BECAUSE OF THE NATION THEY CAME FROM. THE IDEA OF MAKING  
10 POLICY TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST A GROUP BECAUSE OF A NATION  
11 THEY CAME FROM, BECAUSE OF THEIR ETHNICITY, BECAUSE OF THEIR  
12 RELIGION, IS ANATHEMA TO OUR CONSTITUTION AND TO THE VALUES OF  
13 THIS COUNTY. ESPECIALLY PEOPLE WHO ARE SEEKING REFUGE FROM  
14 WAR, FROM VIOLENCE, FROM UNSPEAKABLE VIOLENCE THAT WE HAVE  
15 SEEN, WE HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THAT THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO SEEK A  
16 PLACE OF REFUGE. AND I JUST WANT TO CAUTION THE BOARD IN  
17 MAKING A DECISION THAT WOULD BLOCK ANY GROUP BECAUSE OF THEIR  
18 COUNTRY OF ORIGIN, BECAUSE OF WHO THEY ARE BELIEVED TO BE  
19 BASED SOLELY ON THEIR PROTECTIVE CHARACTERISTICS. THAT IS  
20 SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE SEEN BEFORE AND WE KNOW FROM OUR  
21 WISDOM, DESPITE ALL OF THE FEAR AND CONCERN THAT CAN LEAD US  
22 TO MAKE A DECISION BASED ON EMOTION, BASED ON FEAR, THAT WE  
23 HAVE TO HAVE THE COURAGE TO STAND UP AND DO WHAT'S RIGHT AND  
24 NOT LET THOSE SENTIMENTS STEER US ASTRAY.

25



1 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
2 STATEMENT. MEMBERS, THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US. IT HAS BEEN MOVED  
3 AND SECONDED. AND I REQUEST A ROLL CALL ON THE ITEM. CLERK?

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5 **AVIANNA URIBE, ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

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9 **AVIANNA URIBE, ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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11 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AYE.

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13 **AVIANNA URIBE, ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** ABSTAIN.

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17 **AVIANNA URIBE, ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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19 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** NO.

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21 **AVIANNA URIBE, ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

22

23 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.

24

25 **AVIANNA URIBE, ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** MOTION CARRIES.





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2 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOTION CARRIES. ONE NO, ONE ABSTENTION,  
3 THE ITEM IS APPROVED. OKAY. NEXT ITEM I HAVE HELD, AND THAT'S  
4 40-B. AND ON THIS ITEM, I WOULD LIKE TO REMOVE JULY 26, 2016,  
5 THE DATE THAT IS SHOWN THERE. AND I'D LIKE TO MOVE THIS ITEM  
6 TODAY. I UNDERSTAND THAT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT  
7 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JANUARY 5, 2016, AND I'D LIKE TO  
8 KNOW IF WE COULD HAVE A DISCUSSION, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

9

10 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** REPRESENTING A LARGE POPULATION THAT  
11 ARE UNINCORPORATED, WE ARE THEIR MAYOR, WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR  
12 ALL OF THEIR ACTIVITIES. WE NEED TO BE -- PRIOR, WE USED TO  
13 MEET TWICE A WEEK. WE USED TO MEET ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS,  
14 AND THEN WE MOVED THE SCHEDULE TO A ONE DAY A WEEK. THERE ARE  
15 TOO MANY IMPORTANT ISSUES THAT COME UP REGULARLY FROM FIRES,  
16 EARTHQUAKES TO OTHER LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS AT THE STATE AND  
17 FEDERAL LEVEL THAT ARE COMING UP FROM TIME TO TIME THAT WE  
18 NEED TO BE TALKING WITH OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OUR STAFFS AS  
19 A GROUP. NOT ONE OF US CAN MAKE A DECISION BY OURSELVES. IT  
20 TAKES A MAJORITY VOTE ON THIS BOARD. AND IN MY OPINION, IT'S  
21 BETTER THAT WE NOT HAVE THOSE TWO DAYS AUTOMATICALLY EXCUSED  
22 FROM THE CALENDAR. WE OUGHT TO CONTINUE WORKING, BECAUSE THE  
23 ISSUES ARE TOO GRAVE TO AUTOMATICALLY ELIMINATE TWO ADDITIONAL  
24 MEETING DAYS FROM OUR CALENDAR YEAR. THAT'S WHERE I'M COMING  
25 FROM.



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2 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, AS NOTED, I AM

3 STRIKING THE JULY 26TH DATE AND HAVE SPOKEN -- AND ACTUALLY

4 HAVE INFORMATION GATHERED BY OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICE SHOWING WHAT

5 THE RECESS PRACTICES ARE FOR OTHER COUNTIES IN CALIFORNIA,

6 INCLUDING THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. OTHER COUNTIES IN

7 CALIFORNIA ALSO OBSERVE THEIR OWN RECESSES THAT RANGE ANYWHERE

8 FROM 1 TO 4 WEEKS. AND, FURTHERMORE, WE'VE LOOKED AT CANCELING

9 MEETINGS FOR THE BOARD OVER THE LAST SIX YEARS, IS MY

10 UNDERSTANDING. I'M CERTAINLY WILLING TO DISCUSS THE

11 POSSIBILITY OF RE-VISITING THE JULY 26TH AND THINKING ABOUT IT

12 IF MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO MOVE FORWARD ON THIS. SO I DO THINK,

13 JUST GIVEN MY LAST EXPERIENCE, THAT WE DID HAVE A BIT OF A

14 SHUFFLE THIS LAST SUMMER IN TERMS OF OUR SCHEDULE. AND I THINK

15 THAT OUR STAFFS WORK VERY HARD, AS WELL AS ALL THE

16 DEPARTMENTS. AND IN NO WAY AM I TRYING TO DIMINISH THE WORK

17 THAT WE ALL KNOW WE'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR 24 HOURS. AND IT'S

18 REALLY THE WORK THAT MAKES THE COUNTY SO GREAT. BUT I DON'T

19 THINK BY REMOVING ONE ADDITIONAL DATE THAT WE HAVE ON THE

20 CALENDAR HERE ON -- AT LEAST THE ADDITION IS AUGUST THE 30TH,

21 THAT THAT WOULD SOMEHOW CREATE A CRISIS HERE IN THE COUNTY.

22 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

23

24 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WELL, IT'S INTERESTING, BECAUSE THE DEAN OF

25 OUR GROUP INDICATED THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS USED TO MEET



1 TWICE A WEEK. AND NOW THEY MEET ONCE A WEEK. SO THAT WAS A 50  
2 PERCENT REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF MEETINGS, THOUGH I DON'T  
3 THINK IT PROBABLY REDUCED THE NUMBER OF HOURS. I COULD JUST  
4 SAY. I THINK WE GET OUR WORK DONE WITHIN THE PARAMETERS OF THE  
5 MEETINGS THAT WE HOLD. WE TAKE TWO MEETINGS OFF AROUND THE END  
6 OF THE YEAR. AND I DON'T BELIEVE WE'VE HEARD ANY PROBLEM WITH  
7 THAT. ALTHOUGH WE COULD GET A LOT OF WORK DONE ON DECEMBER  
8 22ND AND DECEMBER 29TH. BUT ONE MORE WEEK IN AUGUST, I THINK,  
9 MAKES A LOT OF SENSE. REMEMBER LAST AUGUST AND JULY, ONE OF US  
10 WAS GONE. THEN ANOTHER WAS GONE AND ANOTHER WAS GONE. IT MAY  
11 ACTUALLY MAKE MORE SENSE TO HAVE EVERYBODY BE AT THE MEETINGS  
12 THAT ARE CALLED AND GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE WITH OUR  
13 FRIENDS AND FAMILY ONE WEEK IN THE SUMMER, ANYWAY, BECAUSE  
14 WE'RE GOING TO. SO IT DOESN'T SEEM TO ME TO BE A GREAT LOSS.  
15 IT SEEMED TO ME IN THE WEEKS THAT WE MET THIS YEAR, WE GOT A  
16 GREAT DEAL DONE. AND I'M CERTAIN THE SAME WILL BE TRUE IN  
17 2016.

18  
19 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, MEMBERS, WE ALSO HAVE PUBLIC  
20 COMMENT. ARNOLD SACHS AND ERIC PREVEN.

21  
22 **SUP. KNABE:** IF I CAN JUST MAKE A COMMENT.

23  
24 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, SUPERVISOR KNABE.



1 **SUP. KNABE:** I SUPPORT YOUR CHANGE TO THE AUGUST PIECE, BUT I  
2 DO SUPPORT MR. ANTONOVICH'S REQUEST FOR A CONTINUANCE FOR TWO  
3 WEEKS.

4  
5 **ERIC PREVEN:** RIGHT. IT IS ERIC PREVEN, A RESIDENT FROM THE  
6 THIRD DISTRICT. THIS HAS COME UP PRIOR TO YOUR ARRIVAL,  
7 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND IT CAME UP IN THE CONTEXT WHERE THERE  
8 WAS CONCERN FROM PUBLIC SPEAKERS ABOUT THE DROPPING A MEETING,  
9 WHENEVER IT HAPPENS. AND IT DOES HAPPEN ONLY FROM TIME TO  
10 TIME. THERE'S A WASHINGTON TRIP THAT DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE ON  
11 HERE THAT OCCASIONALLY IS NOTED. AND THERE'S SOME OTHER  
12 ISSUES. I HAVE TO CONCUR WITH THE MAYOR ON THIS, BECAUSE THE  
13 TWO MEETINGS A WEEK, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WAS AN INTERESTING  
14 IDEA, BUT REDUCING IT BY 50 PERCENT WAS DEVASTATING. AND THE  
15 PUBLIC -- THE KIND OF CALL IT -- AND I WASN'T AROUND AT THAT  
16 POINT -- BUT THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN COUNTY BOARD MEETINGS  
17 IS IMPROVING, BUT IT HAS BEEN AT A TERRIBLY LOW RATE FOR A  
18 VERY LONG TIME BECAUSE WE HAVE OFTEN 100 ITEMS ON AN AGENDA.  
19 NOW, IF YOU CANCEL A MEETING WHICH HAS A LOT OF ITEMS ON THE  
20 AGENDA, OR MOVE IT TO THE NEXT ONE, THEN BOTH THE MEETING  
21 AFTER AND POSSIBLY THE OTHER MEETING GET PILED UP HIGHER. SO  
22 WHEN YOU HAVE 100 ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, YOU'VE HEARD PUBLIC  
23 SPEAKERS SAY IT'S IMPOSSIBLE. THERE'S SO MANY THINGS GOING ON.  
24 HOW CAN WE PARTICIPATE? SO FROM A PUBLIC POINT OF VIEW THE  
25 DROPPING OF A MEETING IS DEFINITELY A DISASTER. MARK RIDLEY-



1 THOMAS AND I ONCE, IN A FOND HOLIDAY RECOLLECTION I'M  
2 REMEMBERING, HAD A DISCUSSION ABOUT THIS. AND HE PROMISED IT  
3 WAS NOT BECOMING A TREND. AND YOU, OF COURSE, WOULD NOT BE  
4 AWARE OF THAT, BECAUSE YOU WERE NOT HERE, BUT IT IS IN FACT  
5 BECOMING A TREND. AND THOUGH I'M SENSITIVE TO THE HUMANS  
6 INVOLVED AND THE VACATIONING, LET'S REMEMBER FORBES HAS CITED  
7 LOS ANGELES COUNTY AS THE NUMBER 1 EMPLOYER FOR 2015, SIR. AND  
8 WE'RE DOING JUST FINE WITH THE REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE. AND  
9 QUITE FRANKLY, SHOULD ADD MEETINGS. ONE IDEA, THOUGH, IF YOU  
10 WANT TO HAVE A LITTLE EXTRA TIME AT THE HOLIDAYS, IS HAVE TWO  
11 MEETINGS A WEEK LIKE WE USED TO DO IN THE OL' DAYS. THAT'S NOT  
12 A TERRIBLE IDEA. YOU CAN BRING IN -- I MEAN, IT'S A LITTLE BIT  
13 OF A MISSTEP, BECAUSE IT SHOULD ALWAYS BE ON THE SAME DAY, SO  
14 PEOPLE KNOW. BUT IT COULD ALWAYS BE ON -- WE COULD ADD  
15 SOMETHING IN THERE THAT WOULD BE USEFUL. SO I APPRECIATE YOUR  
16 DROPPING THE ONE AND MAYBE YOU SHOULD DROP THE OTHER, AS WELL.  
17 THANK YOU.

18  
19 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

20  
21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. MUST  
22 HAVE BEEN THE TWICE-A-WEEK MEETINGS MUST HAVE BEEN QUITE A  
23 WHILE AGO. I'M REALLY FASCINATED BY THIS DISCUSSION AROUND  
24 AGENDA MEETING DATES. WHEN YOU LOOK AT WHAT'S HAPPENED WITH  
25 THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO HAVE INPUT, \$27 BILLION EMPLOYEE



1   SHOULDN'T BE THAT CONCERNED ABOUT ALLOWING PEOPLE TO SPEAK ON  
2   ITEMS ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS AS IT USED TO HAPPEN, ALTHOUGH  
3   THE POLICY WAS CHANGED WITHOUT ANY INPUT FROM ANYBODY IN THE  
4   PUBLIC. IT WAS JUST MOVED AND CHANGED ON THE AGENDA. AND NOW  
5   WE GET 3 MINUTES TOTALLY ON THIS WHOLE 50, 60, 70 AGENDA ITEM.  
6   AND YOU GET TO CALL BINGO NUMBERS EVERY WEEK. YOU OUGHT TO AT  
7   LEAST GIVE OUT A PRIZE FOR YOUR BINGO NUMBER CALLING SO THAT  
8   SOMEBODY CAN COME DOWN HERE AND HAVE SOMETHING. MAYBE FREE  
9   PARKING, WHO KNOWS? METRO BOARD DID A CHANGE, TOO. AND THE  
10   CHAIRPERSON AT THE TIME, WHOSE NAME FORTUNATELY ESCAPES ME,  
11   MENTIONED THAT WITH ALL THE DECISIONS THAT ARE GOING TO BE  
12   MADE AND WE WANT IN PUBLIC INPUT, THEY LIMIT, THEY WENT FROM  
13   LIMITING YOU FOR ONE MINUTE ON EACH AGENDA ITEM THAT WAS OPEN  
14   TO CONSENT COMMENT TO 3 MINUTES FOR THE WHOLE MEETING. AND I  
15   KNOW IT'S A WORLD-CLASS OPERATION, BUT THIRD-WORLD- CLASS?  
16   THAT'S STRETCHING IT. LOCAL COMMUNITIES GIVE YOU TIME ON EACH  
17   AGENDA ITEM AS PART OF A NONCONSENT CALENDAR. BUT HERE, \$27  
18   BILLION INDUSTRY, YOU GET 3 MINUTES. FOR ALL YOUR GRANDIOSE  
19   COMMENTARY, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO GO BACK TO THE WAY YOU USED  
20   TO DO BUSINESS IN 2009-2010 AND ALLOW US TO HAVE THAT  
21   OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK UP ON THESE ITEMS. SOME OF US ACTUALLY DO  
22   READ THESE AGENDA ITEMS AND DO HAVE LEGITIMATE QUESTIONS ABOUT  
23   ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.  
24



1 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, MEMBERS, GIVEN THAT SUPERVISOR  
2 ANTONOVICH WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE THIS ITEM, AND THERE SEEMS  
3 TO BE SOME AGREEMENT TO BRING IT BACK ON JANUARY THE 5TH,  
4 2016, SO I WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THAT. VERY GOOD.  
5 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED, ITEM 15. 15.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME  
8 CHAIR. 15 ADDRESSES AN ITEM THAT I THINK IS OF SIGNIFICANCE TO  
9 ALL OF US AS IT RELATES TO TRAUMA CARE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS  
10 ANGELES. OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO REDUCE THE DISPARITIES IN TRAUMA  
11 CARE IN OUR COUNTY. AND AS WAS MENTIONED EARLIER IN THE  
12 REMARKS MADE BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REGARDING A DECISION TO  
13 DO TRAUMA CARE IN POMONA BECAUSE OF THE NEED THERE THAT HAD  
14 BEEN UNMET, THE SAME IS TRUE IN TERMS OF WHAT IS NECESSARY FOR  
15 SOUTH LOS ANGELES. TWO STUDIES HAVE BEEN DONE, AS THE MOTION  
16 WILL INDICATE, ONE BY DR. MICHAEL COUSINEAU AT THE UNIVERSITY  
17 OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, AND THEN A WELL- KNOWN PROFESSOR WHO  
18 STUDIES TRAUMA AND RELATED ISSUES AS WELL AS THE DEPARTMENT OF  
19 HEALTH SERVICES ITSELF. I BELIEVE THAT BOTH OF THESE REPORTS  
20 HAVE DONE A SIGNIFICANT JOB IN BRINGING US CLOSER TO  
21 UNDERSTANDING WHAT THE GAPS ARE IN OUR SYSTEM. AND SO WITH  
22 THAT IN MIND, I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT WE TAKE INTO  
23 CONSIDERATION THE WORK RECENTLY DONE BY THE DEPARTMENT  
24 IMPROVING TRAUMA CARE COUNTY-WIDE AND IN, QUOTE/UNQUOTE HOT  
25 SPOT AREAS. THE REPORT WAS JUST RELEASED ON NOVEMBER 24. AND I



1 WANT TO THANK THOSE FROM THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TEAM,  
2 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AS WELL AS PROFESSOR MICHAEL  
3 COUSINEAU FOR THE WORK THEY DID. THESE REPORTS MAKE IT CLEAR  
4 THAT L.A. COUNTY'S TRAUMA SYSTEM IS SUBSTANTIALLY BETTER THAN  
5 TRAUMA SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT THE NATION. SECONDLY, THAT THERE ARE  
6 CLEAR HOT SPOTS IN OUR COUNTY, WHICH IN EFFECT MEANS THAT WORK  
7 NEEDS TO BE DONE TO SATISFY THOSE NEEDS. AND, FINALLY, IT'S  
8 STRIKING THAT THE REGION OF THE COUNTY THAT EXPERIENCES THE  
9 HIGHEST RATE OF TRAUMA, THAT IS S.P.A. 6, LACKS A LEVEL 1  
10 TRAUMA CENTER, IT SEEMS THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF A LEVEL 1  
11 TRAUMA CENTER IN THAT AREA MIGHT NOT ONLY IMPROVE CARE FOR  
12 RESIDENTS OF THAT COMMUNITY BUT ALSO COULD PROVE OR PROVIDE  
13 IMPORTANT BENEFITS WITH RESPECT TO LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
14 MEDICAL TRAINEES, RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES, AND ECONOMIC  
15 OPPORTUNITIES FOR THOSE COMMUNITIES IN QUESTION. AND BASED ON  
16 THESE IMPORTANT FINDINGS, THERE ARE UNEQUIVOCAL OPPORTUNITIES,  
17 I THINK, FOR US TO IMPROVE OUR APPROACH TO TRAUMA CARE IN OUR  
18 COUNTY. THAT'S WHAT WE OUGHT TO BE ABOUT. AND I'D LIKE TO  
19 OFFER THE MOTION THAT I CIRCULATED FOR A REPORT BACK THAT  
20 WOULD ESSENTIALLY CAUSE D.H.S. TO LOOK AT THESE DISPARITIES,  
21 TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION, ALONG WITH THE NAMED ENTITIES OF THE  
22 C.E.O., COUNTY COUNSEL, TO DEVELOP A TRAUMA PREVENTION MODEL  
23 THAT I THINK IS INNOVATIVE, A PART OF WHAT WE WANT TO DO THAT  
24 SEEKS TO FOCUS ON THOSE COMMUNITIES THAT EXPERIENCE A  
25 DISPROPORTIONATELY HIGH INCIDENCE OF TRAUMA. THIS IS REALLY





1    IMPORTANT. THE PROPOSAL SHOULD BE DEVELOPED FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
2    LOOKING AT THE METHODOLOGY FOR NON-COUNTY TRAUMA CARE CENTERS.  
3    AND THE PROPOSAL SHOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF  
4    SUPERVISORS IN WRITING FOR OUR REVIEW. AND THEN THE NEXT POINT  
5    I'D LIKE FOR US TO TAKE UP IS TO LOOK AT WHAT IT MEANS TO HAVE  
6    LEVEL 1 TRAUMA IN S.P.A. 6. AND THEN, FINALLY, THE TRAINING OF  
7    MEDICAL STAFF IN S.P.A. 6 AND, FOR THAT MATTER, OTHER AREAS OF  
8    THE COUNTY TO MANAGE TRAUMA UNTIL A LEVEL 1 TRAUMA FACILITY  
9    HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN THE REGION. THIS ESSENTIALLY  
10    CONSTITUTES MY AMENDING LANGUAGE FOR ITEM 15, MADAME CHAIR,  
11    AND I TRUST THAT THE BOARD IN ITS ENTIRETY WILL EMBRACE THIS  
12    FOR THE REPORT BACKS.

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14    **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY RIDLEY-  
15    THOMAS, SECONDED BY MYSELF, BUT WE ALSO HAVE SOME PUBLIC  
16    SPEAKERS.

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18    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

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20    **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AND I'LL CALL ARNOLD SACHS UP AGAIN AND  
21    GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.

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23    **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON -- OR, GOOD  
24    MORNING. IS IT STILL MORNING? NO, IT'S AFTERNOON. THANK YOU.  
25    ARNOLD SACHS. MENTION OF GAPS IN THE SYSTEM. THIS IS ONE OF



1 THOSE ITEMS, TRAUMA CENTER AND TRAUMA CENTER OVERSIGHT, THAT  
2 WOULD HAVE BEEN ON THE AGENDA A FEW YEARS AGO BACK IN 2007 --  
3 2006-07 THAT WE WOULD HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK THREE  
4 MINUTES ON AS A SEPARATE AGENDA ITEM. AND SPECIFICALLY I'M  
5 THINKING ABOUT MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL WAS A TRAUMA CENTER  
6 AND NOW IT'S REOPENED BUT IT'S NOT REOPENED AS A TRAUMA  
7 CENTER. AND WHY THE DISPARITY THERE? WHEN YOU KNOW THAT YOU  
8 NEED A TRAUMA CENTER IN S.P.A. 6. LOW INCOME HAVE ANYTHING TO  
9 DO WITH THIS TRAUMA PREVENTION MODEL? HOUSING REQUIREMENTS  
10 HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS TRAUMA PREVENTION MODEL? ANY OF  
11 THE AILMENTS AND ILLNESSES THAT YOU READ ABOUT IN THE DAILY  
12 NEWSPAPER ON A DAILY BASIS HAVE ANYTHING TO DO IN PREVENTING  
13 THIS TRAUMA OR SUPERSEDING IN HELPING TO OVERCOME THIS TRAUMA  
14 PREVENTION MODEL? WHY? SOMEBODY MENTIONED EARLIER ABOUT THEY  
15 CAME UP HERE AND DISCUSSED ABOUT USING \$200 MILLION FOR A  
16 TRAUMA CENTER. THE COUNTY WAS GETTING \$300 MILLION FROM THE  
17 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. HOW'D THAT TURN OUT? WHEN IT COMES TO  
18 ANYTHING -- AND THE POLICIES THAT ARE INVOLVED IN THESE TRAUMA  
19 CENTERS. IT'S NICE TO BE ABLE TO HAVE A POLICY WHERE A PRIVATE  
20 INDUSTRY, IF PEOPLE ARE NOT ADEQUATE IN DOING THEIR TRAINING  
21 OR PART OF THEIR TRAINING, WHICH WE FOUND OUT AT THE NOW-  
22 CLOSED M.L.K. TRAUMA CENTER, THEY SHOULD BE TERMINATED, NOT  
23 REWARDED WITH A RECLASSIFICATION POSITION. BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT  
24 HAPPENED IN THE COUNTY. POLICY WAS, THEY WERE NOT ONLY  
25 RECLASSIFIED, THEY WERE BEING PAID EXTRA MONEY. TIME'S UP.



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2 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THIS ITEM HAS BEEN  
3 AMENDED BY MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED. ANY COMMENTS FROM THE  
4 MEMBERS? IS THERE ANY OPPOSITION? SO MOVED. NOW WE GO BACK TO  
5 THE ITEM.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

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9 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ITEM 15 HAS ALSO BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED.  
10 ANY OBJECTION AS AMENDED? SO ORDERED. OKAY. NEXT ITEM,  
11 MEMBERS, IS ITEM 40-A. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. 40-A IS  
14 ESSENTIALLY TO ESTABLISH A SET ROTATION FOR THE CHAIR PRO TEM  
15 OF THE BOARD. THE MOTION IS RATHER EXPLICIT ANNUALLY. "IN  
16 DECEMBER, THE BOARD NOMINATES AND ELECTS A CHAIR PRO TEM IN  
17 ORDER TO ALLOW FOR A SMOOTH TRANSITION. IT WOULD BE WITH WELL  
18 ADVISED TO NOMINATE A CANDIDATE FOR THIS OFFICE BASED ON A  
19 NUMERICAL ROTATION. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF  
20 SUPERVISORS APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ROTATION SCHEDULE AND DIRECT  
21 THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO INCORPORATE THIS POLICY INTO THE  
22 GUIDELINES FOR OPERATIONS OF MEETINGS FOR THE BOARD OF  
23 SUPERVISORS AND COMPLETE THE REVISIONS OF ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS  
24 AS REQUIRED. THAT WOULD BE THE MOTION. STRAIGHTFORWARD. AND  
25 I'D HOPE THERE'S A SECOND.



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2 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. AND WE DO  
3 HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT. MOVED AND SECONDED, WE HAVE PUBLIC  
4 COMMENT. ARNOLD SACHS.

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6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU AGAIN. ARNOLD SACHS. I'D JUST  
7 LIKE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT, AS THE BOARD MEMBERS ALSO GET THE  
8 OPPORTUNITY TO SIT ON THE METRO BOARD OF GOVERNMENT, THE  
9 SUPERVISORS, I'M JUST CURIOUS, BECAUSE I KNOW, AND IT'S  
10 UNFORTUNATE THAT I LEFT THE INFORMATION AT HOME, THE GOLD LINE  
11 CONSTRUCTION TRUST THAT YOU SO ABLY MOVED ON A PROPERTY  
12 TRANSFER WITH METRO, IS NOT THE SAME, AND THE INFORMATION IN  
13 YOUR DOCUMENTS FROM THE BOARD MENTIONED THAT IT'S DIFFERENT  
14 THAN THE GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY IN AND OF ITSELF,  
15 WHICH TURNS OUT TO HAVE FIVE DIFFERENT CONFIGURATIONS, SOME  
16 THAT ARE LEGAL, MOST THAT ARE ILLEGAL. WHO SITS ON THE BOARD  
17 TRUST? DO YOU KIND OF LIKE -- ARE YOU REMOVED FROM THAT SEAT  
18 ON THE BOARD, THE GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY TRUST, MR.  
19 ANTONOVICH AND MR. KNABE, AS YOU WERE TERMED OUT THIS YEAR?  
20 AND WILL YOUR NEW REPRESENTATIVES MOVE INTO THE GOLD LINE  
21 CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY TRUST? IT'S ALL ABOUT PROPERTY AND  
22 FUNDING AND HOW THIS WORKS OUT. AND MAYBE EVEN THE  
23 COMMISSIONS, THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. WHO SITS ON  
24 THAT? AND THE COMMISSION THAT PAYS THE IN-HOME CARE WORKERS,  
25 THOSE ARE APPOINTED POSITIONS. BUT THERE ARE NO BOARD MEMBERS



1 SITTING ON THAT. AND THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS, YOU DON'T SIT,  
2 THERE'S NO BOARD MEMBERS SITTING ON THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY. AND  
3 IT DOES SEEM WEIRD, DON'T YOU THINK, THAT THE L.A -- L.A.W.A.  
4 WOULD BE ABLE TO DO \$7 BILLION WORD OF CONSTRUCTION AND NOT  
5 HAVE ANY INPUT FROM THE COUNTY AT ALL? AND EVEN TALKING ABOUT  
6 INPUT ON THE COUNTY, LET'S TALK ABOUT THE FAIRGROUNDS IN  
7 POMONA. NOBODY FROM THE COUNTY ON THAT, EITHER.

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9 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** PLEASE READ THE --

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11 **AVIANNA URIBE, ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** TO CLARIFY BEFORE THE BOARD  
12 ALONG WITH THE ABSTENTIONS READ IN EARLIER TODAY ON SANITATION  
13 DISTRICT 9 FOR KUEHL, SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 17 AND SOUTHERN  
14 ASSOCIATION FOR GOVERNMENTS FOR SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, AS  
15 AMENDED.

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17 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AS AMENDED, THAT'S BEFORE US. I'LL MOVE.  
18 SECONDED BY KNABE. OKAY. MOTION PASSES AS ORDERED. THEN THE  
19 REMAINING ITEM IS THE AMENDMENT BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.  
20 IT'S DONE. WE'RE GOOD? GOOD TO GO?

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

23

24 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ITEM NO. 2 BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. ZONING.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** I JUST HAD A COUPLE QUESTIONS JUST AS A VOICE  
2 AMENDMENT. FIRST OF ALL, OBVIOUSLY MUCH OF THIS WORK IS VERY  
3 IMPORTANT TO STUDY, BUT I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THESE  
4 COSTS THAT COULD POTENTIALLY LEAD TO PRIORITIZING THAT COULD  
5 ACTUALLY DISADVANTAGE SOME PARTS OF THE COUNTY, AND I REALLY  
6 THINK THE C.E.O. SHOULD BE ADDED TO THAT LIST, MR. RIDLEY-  
7 THOMAS. FOR SOME REASON IT'S NOT INCLUDED WITH THE  
8 COORDINATING DEPARTMENTS. OBVIOUSLY, TO KEEP A HANDLE ON  
9 EVERYTHING, PARTICULARLY THE BUDGET SITUATION FOR THE  
10 UNANTICIPATED BUDGET COSTS, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THE C.E.O.  
11 BE INCLUDED ON THE COORDINATION OF THAT. AND THEN THE OTHER  
12 PIECE BEING IS THAT I REALLY THINK THAT IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT  
13 BECAUSE OF THE KINDS OF QUESTIONS, AND LIKE I SAY, I SUPPORT  
14 THE MOTION, BUT TO ADD REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT OR BUILDING  
15 INDUSTRY EXPERTS TO THE OUTREACH AND POTENTIAL ADVISORY  
16 COMMITTEE. ARE YOU COMFORTABLE WITH THAT, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS?  
17 OKAY. SO, I MEAN, WITH THOSE TWO ADDITIONS, THAT'S THE ISSUES  
18 THAT I JUST WANTED TO RAISE, THAT THE C.E.O. BE INVOLVED IN  
19 THE COORDINATION AND THAT WE, REAL ESTATE AND BUILDING EXPERTS  
20 BE INVOLVED IN ADVISORY AND OUTREACH.

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22 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YEAH. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. BOTH SUPERVISOR  
25 SOLIS AND I ARE CO-AUTHORING THIS ITEM. WE ALL KNOW THAT THE



1 CURRENT HOUSING CRISIS IN L.A. COUNTY IS WELL-DOCUMENTED. BY  
2 THE LAST COUNT, THE COUNTY HAS AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEFICIT  
3 OF MORE THAN 500,000 UNITS AND A RECORD OF HOMELESS POPULATION  
4 OF SOME 45,000. THE PROBLEM IS IMPACTING EVERY COMMUNITY. SO  
5 WHEN WE THINK ABOUT EQUITABLE TOOLS, THEN A NUMBER ARE  
6 DEVELOPED IN THE COUNTY TO DEVELOP A SUSTAINABLE STRATEGY FOR  
7 ADDRESSING THE HOUSING CRISIS. MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE  
8 BOARD, WE ALL KNOW THAT WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY. AND THAT'S  
9 WHY WE'VE APPROVED SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING TO EXPAND THE  
10 ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS WITH THE  
11 APPROACHING EL NIÑO. MORE FUNDS WERE AVAILABLE FOR EXPANDING  
12 THE AVAILABLE NUMBER OF WINTER SHELTERS AND FOR OUTREACH  
13 TEAMS. WE'VE DONE THOSE THINGS TO TRY TO CONNECT WITH HOUSING  
14 AND OTHER SUCH SERVICES. BUT LONGER-TERM STRATEGIES ARE BEING  
15 EXPLORED BY A TEAM ASSEMBLED BY THE C.E.O., WORKING IN  
16 PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER CITIES IN THE COUNTY AND AGENCIES AND  
17 NONPROFITS THAT SERVE THE HOMELESS POPULATION BY INCREASING  
18 THE SUPPLY OF PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. YOU RECALL THE  
19 MOTION THAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL LED ON EARLIER THIS YEAR. NOW,  
20 THE RESULTS OF THIS WORK WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD EARLY  
21 NEXT YEAR WITH THE AIM OF MOVING FORWARD WITH THE  
22 IMPLEMENTATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THEREAFTER. BUT ONE THING  
23 IS KNOWN NOW, THAT THE COUNTY CAN'T SOLVE THIS PROBLEM ALONE.  
24 THIS PROBLEM CAN ONLY BE ADDRESSED THROUGH A PARTNERSHIP WITH  
25 THE PRIVATE SECTOR. AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AT THE



1 LOCAL, STATE, AS WELL AS FEDERAL LEVELS. THIS INCLUDES  
2 PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITIES. BOTH FOR-PROFIT  
3 AND NONPROFIT LEADERS IN THE HOUSING INDUSTRY ALL HAVE TO  
4 WEIGH IN. THE MOTION ON EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT TOOLS ADDRESSES  
5 THE LAND-USE OPTIONS THAT WE HAVE TO CONSIDER. SO I  
6 ACKNOWLEDGE THE INITIATION OR THE INITIATIVE OF SUPERVISOR  
7 SOLIS IN THIS REGARD, BECAUSE WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE  
8 AVAILABILITY OF THE RESOURCES FOR ADDRESSING THE AFFORDABLE  
9 HOUSING CRISIS. NOW, IT'S SEEKING -- THIS MOTION IS SEEKING TO  
10 ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS FROM THE REGIONAL  
11 PLANNING COMMISSION, SO THEY'RE IN THE MIX, BUILDING UPON THE  
12 DEPARTMENT'S PREVIOUS WORK AND OTHER OPTIONS AND  
13 CONSIDERATIONS OUGHT TO BE UPDATING THE COUNTY'S DENSITY BONUS  
14 ORDINANCE, ENGAGING WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AS THEY  
15 EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING A COMMERCIAL LINKAGE FEE,  
16 OPTIONS FOR IMPLEMENTING AN INCLUSIONARY HOUSING PROGRAM,  
17 STRATEGIES FOR PRESERVING EXISTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING. ALL OF  
18 THESE ARE AMONG THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE TO DO. GIVEN THE  
19 MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEM, THE BOARD NEEDS TO CONSIDER ALL OF  
20 THESE OPTIONS IN TERMS OF LAND USE, INNOVATIVELY, CREATIVELY,  
21 EXPANSIVELY AND THAT'S WHAT THE MOTION IS ABOUT. NOW, THOUGH  
22 NO FINAL DECISION IS BEING MADE TODAY, GETTING THE INFORMATION  
23 ON THE LAND-USE OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COUNTY IS A  
24 FUNDAMENTALLY NECESSARY STEP. WITH THIS INFORMATION IN HAND,  
25 THE BOARD CAN MAKE REASONED DECISIONS ON WHICH LAND USE





1    OPTIONS, AMONG OTHERS, THAT WOULD BE STUDIED BY THE C.E.O.'S  
2    OFFICE, AND THE BOARD SHOULD THEN BE ABLE TO INTELLIGENTLY AND  
3    STRATEGICALLY IMPLEMENT THEM ACCORDINGLY. THAT'S THE THRUST OF  
4    THE MOTION THAT BOTH SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND I ARE BRINGING  
5    FORWARD, AND I TRUST THAT IT WILL ENJOY THE SUPPORT OF THE  
6    ENTIRE BOARD.

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8    **SUP. KNABE:** YOU'RE OKAY, THEN, WITH THOSE? I JUST THINK THAT'S  
9    IMPORTANT.

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11    **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WELL, TO HAVE OUR C.E.O. INVOLVED? YES,  
12    ABSOLUTELY.

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14    **SUP. KNABE:** BUT ALSO INDUSTRY FOLKS, THE B.I.A.?

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16    **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, THE STAKEHOLDERS. THAT'S WHAT IT  
17    READS.

18

19    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT ASSUMES THAT.

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21    **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** FOR SOME OF US THAT WORKED ON IT.  
22    SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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24    **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** IN THE REPORT BACK, CAN WE ALSO  
25    INCLUDE TO EXPLAIN WHAT A.B.2222 AND THE NO-NET-LOSS POLICY,



1 ARE THESE DENSITY BONUSES MINISTERIAL, OR DO THEY REQUIRE A  
2 PUBLIC HEARING? ARE THE -- DENSITY BONUSES USUALLY MET WITH  
3 COMMUNITY OPPOSITION BECAUSE THEY DON'T REQUIRE ADDITIONAL  
4 C.E.Q.A. ANALYSIS YET CREATE ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC. ARE DENSITY  
5 BONUSES SUBJECT TO THE SAME PARKING REQUIREMENTS THAT MARKET-  
6 RATE UNITS ARE? AND THEN, RELATIVE TO THE DISCUSSION WITH THE  
7 CITY OF LOS ANGELES ON THE NEXUS STUDY, WHAT IS A LINKAGE FEE?  
8 WHAT ANALYSIS WILL NEED TO BE DONE TO DETERMINE THE IMPACT A  
9 LINKAGE FEE WILL HAVE ON HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS? AND WHILE WE  
10 JOIN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES ON LINKAGE FEE STUDY, HOW WOULD  
11 THAT REVENUE THEN BE SPLIT? AND THE CITY IS CREATING AN  
12 ENTIRELY NEW UNIT TO DEAL WITH THEIR PROPOSED LINKAGE FEE.  
13 DOES REGIONAL PLANNING HAVE THE RESOURCES TO TAKE THIS ON? AND  
14 THEN, HOW BIG DO THESE PROJECTS NEED TO BE IN ORDER TO HAVE A  
15 MANDATORY AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT PROGRAM? IS IT 10 UNITS, 20  
16 UNITS? OR WHAT IS THAT NUMBER GOING TO BE? WHAT IS A COMMUNITY  
17 LAND TRUST? WHAT ARE EXAMPLES OF OTHER SHARED EQUITY MODELS?  
18 AND WHAT ARE THE EQUITY SCORECARDS? AND HOW CAN THEY BE USED  
19 FOR OR AGAINST NEW DEVELOPMENT? AND CAN THESE OBJECTIVES BE  
20 ACCOMPLISHED IN AN INDIVIDUAL C.S.D., OR DO THEY NEED TO BE  
21 COUNTY-WIDE? AND SHOULD WE INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE  
22 DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY, INCLUDING BUILDERS, ENGINEERS AND  
23 ARCHITECTS TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL?

24  
25 **SUP. KNABE:** I AGREE TO THAT.



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2 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WOULD JUST SAY, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,  
3 THAT WE'LL TAKE ALL THE COMMENTS THAT YOU MADE INTO  
4 CONSIDERATION. THIS IS A REPORT BACK.

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6 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT.

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8 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AND I KNOW THERE WILL BE A LOT OF  
9 INFORMATION COMING FORWARD FROM STAKEHOLDERS, INDIVIDUALS,  
10 DEVELOPERS AND OF COURSE OUR STAFF AND OUR CONSTITUENTS THAT  
11 HAVE BEEN URGING US TO DO MORE ON THIS ISSUE. SO I HAVE NO  
12 PROBLEM WITH INCLUDING THAT AND ALSO MAKING SURE THAT WE HAVE  
13 THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE ENGAGED.

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15 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, JUST TO ADD, I THINK WE CAN ALSO  
16 LEARN FROM METRO BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL IN  
17 THE LINKAGE FEE ISSUE AS IT RELATES TO CONGESTION MANAGEMENT,  
18 BECAUSE A LOT OF FOLKS HAVE CONSIDERED THAT DOUBLE DIPPING. SO  
19 THERE'S SOME LESSONS LEARNED THERE THAT CAN HELP US ON THESE  
20 LINKAGE FEES DOWN THE ROAD, I BELIEVE.

21

22 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT'S FINE. WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE  
23 WE BEGIN. SO I CALL ARNOLD SACHS UP. ERIC PREVEN. LYDIA PONCE.  
24 AND LISA PAYNE.

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1   **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS.  
2   HOW DARE YOU COMPARE SHELTERS TO HOUSING. AND AGAIN, THE  
3   FAMOUS PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, THAT'S GOVERNMENT  
4   INVOLVEMENT. IS THIS INCORPORATED CITIES? UNINCORPORATED  
5   CITIES? HOW DOES THIS POLICY -- WHO WOULD THIS EFFECT? LINKAGE  
6   FEES? ARE FEES A BALLOT MEASURE? THESE AREN'T A BALLOT MEASURE  
7   THAT THE PUBLIC CAN VOTE ON. SO FEES CAN ACTUALLY BE USED FOR  
8   ANYTHING. I REFER TO WHEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HAD AN  
9   INCREASE IN ITS GARBAGE COLLECTION FEES THAT WAS GOING TO BE  
10  USED TO HIRE MORE POLICE, YET THE FEES WERE ACTUALLY USED TO  
11  PAY THEM MORE MONEY AND NOT HIRE MORE POLICE. SO THE LANGUAGE  
12  BETWEEN FEES AND TAXES, TAXES BEING SOMETHING THAT'S VOTED ON  
13  BY THE CONSTITUENCY AND DIRECT THE FUNDING HOPEFULLY TO WHERE  
14  IT SHOULD GO. A REPORT BACK. REPORT BACK ON WHAT? IT SAYS  
15  HERE, A REPORT BACK ON THE TIMELINE OF THE ADVANCEMENT OF  
16  ONGOING INITIATIVES. WHAT EXACTLY DOES THAT MEAN? YOU'RE GOING  
17  TO REPORT BACK ON A REPORT BACK. IT SAID BACK HERE, QUARTERLY  
18  WRITING TO UPDATE THE STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION. BUT IF YOU  
19  DON'T HAVE INITIATIVES ONGOING, WE KNOW FROM, AGAIN, D.C.F.S.,  
20  INITIATIVES AND IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS ARE TWO DIFFERENT  
21  THINGS. WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU NEED A TIMELINE FOR? YOU HEARD A  
22  SYNOPSIS. HALF A MILLION SHORTAGE IN HOUSING. 40,000 PEOPLE  
23  WAITING FOR VOUCHERS FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE. WHAT DO YOU NEED A  
24  TIMELINE TO DISCUSS, TO DISSOLVE, TO DECIDE, TO DECIPHER? WHY  
25  DON'T YOU STEP ON THE GAS AND DO SOMETHING?



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2 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S UP. NEXT SPEAKER?

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4 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, THANK YOU. IT IS ERIC PREVEN, A RESIDENT  
5 FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT, AND I AGREE WITH MR. SACHS THAT THIS  
6 IS NOT A BRAND-NEW ISSUE. THIS IS, IN FACT, A DESPERATE KIND  
7 OF EMERGENCY CRISIS. AND, IN FACT, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
8 SHOULD ACT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO ENFORCE SOME KIND OF  
9 REQUIREMENT FOR DEVELOPERS TO CONTRIBUTE. NOW, WE HEAR ALL THE  
10 TIME ABOUT THIS GUY MADE HIS BILLION AS A DEVELOPER, THIS ONE  
11 MADE HIS MILLIONS AS A DEVELOPER. THEY ALL WORK HARD AND DO A  
12 GREAT JOB OF TRYING TO BRING THIS STUFF FORWARD. WHERE ARE  
13 THEY WHEN WE NEED THEM NOW? AND MR. BRUCKNER WILL CONFIRM,  
14 DEVELOPERS AND SUPERVISOR KNABE DO NOT LIKE BEING A NICKEL  
15 DIMED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT ALL. NOBODY SAYS THEY DO. BUT  
16 IN SAN FRANCISCO, THERE'S SOMETHING CALLED 415, WHICH REQUIRES  
17 THAT IF YOU DO NOT PROVIDE THE UNITS COMMENSURATE WITH WHAT'S  
18 REQUIRED, YOU HAVE TO PAY A SUBSTANTIAL PENALTY. THAT PENALTY,  
19 IF YOU APPLY IT TO AN EXAMPLE IN OUR DISTRICT, 3RD DISTRICT,  
20 SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S GONE TO THE LADY'S ROOM, THAT WE HAVE A  
21 UNIT COMING IN WITH A GUY WHO'S A VERY SUCCESSFUL TOY  
22 MANUFACTURER NAMED ISAAC LARIAN. HE'S DOING A LIVE-WORK-PLAY  
23 DEVELOPMENT. HE'S GOING TO HAVE 660 UNITS. ANYBODY WANT TO  
24 GUESS HOW MANY ARE AFFORDABLE? OUT THERE ON AN OLD TIMES  
25 PLANT, A BIG, 1.1-MILLION-SQUARE-FOOT OF, YEAH, ZERO



1 AFFORDABLE, OKAY? SO THAT IS A TREMENDOUS FAILURE. THIS GUY'S  
2 GOING TO MAKE A BLOODY FORTUNE AND EVERYBODY KNOWS HE'S GOING  
3 TO MAKE A BLOODY FORTUNE AND WE'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING TO  
4 REQUIRE THAT HE PROVIDE SOME STOP GAP. WE ARE GETTING SOME  
5 COMMUNITY BENEFIT, TO BE FAIR. HE'S PROVIDING \$200 GRAND TO  
6 NEW HORIZONS, A LITTLE TO THE EAST, WHICH IS A WELL KNOWN 501  
7 (C) 3 THAT HE'S PROVIDING \$200,000 TO THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY  
8 RESCUE MISSION, WHICH IS TO HELP WITH HOMELESSNESS. THAT PLACE  
9 GETTING AN EXTRA \$200 GRAND IS A GOOD THING, BUT IT'S NOT  
10 NEARLY ENOUGH AND IT DOES NOT ADDRESS WHAT THIS GUY -- AND  
11 THOSE RENTAL PROPERTIES WILL BE AT SOMETHING CALLED MARKET  
12 RATE. 660 MARKET RATE IS NOT GOING TO HELP OUR AFFORDABLE  
13 HOUSING AT ALL. IT'S GOING TO -- AND THIS IS NOT THE ONLY  
14 INSTANCE. THERE ARE MULTIPLE. I BROUGHT THEM TO YOUR ATTENTION  
15 LAST WEEK. MR. HANKE.

16  
17 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED.  
18 NEXT SPEAKER.

19  
20 **LYDIA PONCE:** LYDIA PONCE, VENICE, AND I SIT BEFORE YOU THE  
21 FIRST TIME AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. I HAVE BEEN BUSY  
22 WITH ABOUT ANOTHER DOZEN PEOPLE IN VENICE, AND WE HAVE FOR THE  
23 LAST YEAR AND A HALF BEEN AT THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL  
24 COMMISSION, CITY PLANNING, WEST L.A. PLANNING, THE AFFORDABLE  
25 HOUSING COMMISSION IN CITY HALL. WE HAVE BEEN SPEAKING, WE



1 HAVE BEEN ORGANIZING, AND WE HAVE ABOUT 11 AFFORDABLE UNITS  
2 BACK ON THE MAP IN VENICE IN THE 90291, THAT'S THE THREE MILES  
3 THAT IS VENICE. SPECIFICALLY SPEAKING TO THIS TASK BEFORE YOU  
4 TODAY, IT IS URGENT, YES, AND YOU NEED TO ACT SWIFTLY, BECAUSE  
5 THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE LAWS THAT ARE  
6 NOT BEING ENFORCED, BE IT MELLOW, WHICH IS A STATE LAW, AND  
7 SOMEHOW IT WAS WEAKENED AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HOLDS  
8 POWER OVER THAT, WHICH I'M FINDING VERY DIFFICULT TO MANAGE IN  
9 THE DAILY TASK OF FIGHTING AND ORGANIZING FOR AFFORDABLE  
10 HOUSING. SO, WITH THAT COMES THE LAWS THAT AREN'T BEING  
11 ENFORCED, LIKE R.S.O. AND/OR THE TASK AT ELLIS. AND ALL OF  
12 THAT IS SOMETHING THAT YOU INHERIT. THERE IS A BODY OF PEOPLE,  
13 THERE ARE GOOD PEOPLE OUT THERE THAT WILL PROVIDE SOME  
14 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT WOULD BE USEFUL AND MAKE THIS A  
15 MUCH MORE SWIFTER AND FASTER ACCORDANCE, SOMETHING TO ACTUALLY  
16 OFFER THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE. AND WHEN I SAY AFFORDABLE  
17 HOUSING WITHIN THE BEACH ZONE, WE HAVE DUAL PROTECTIONS AND  
18 RESTRICTIONS THAT AREN'T BEING ADHERED TO. A MAJORITY OF THE  
19 UNITS THAT WERE NOT FOUND IN THE LAST 6 TO 8 YEARS IN THE  
20 BEACH ZONE HAVE BEEN BASED ON AFFIDAVITS RETURNED TO H.C.I.D.  
21 BY THE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY. IT'S THE FOX IN THE HENHOUSE.  
22 AND I'M HERE TO ASSIST IN ANY WHICH WAY I CAN. I WILL PROVIDE  
23 MY INFORMATION AND GET OTHER PEOPLE TO JOIN YOU IN THIS TASK.  
24 AND I SAY HAPPY HOLIDAYS WITH THAT. THIS IS REALLY A BLESSING,  
25 AND THANK YOU FOR PUTTING THIS TOGETHER. THANK YOU.



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2 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS. AND BEFORE YOU  
3 BEGIN, I JUST WANT TO CALL SOME OTHER MEMBERS UP FROM THE  
4 PUBLIC. MATTHEW SCHAUPP. ALEXANDER HARNDEN. SUSANNE BROWNE,  
5 AND SEAMUS HURLEY. THANK YOU. PLEASE PROCEED.

6  
7 **LISA PAYNE:** HI, MY NAME IS LISA PAYNE. I'M WITH THE SOUTHERN  
8 CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF NONPROFIT HOUSING. I WANT TO THANK  
9 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR ALL YOUR LEADERSHIP ON AFFORDABLE  
10 HOUSING OVER THE YEARS AND PARTICULARLY SINCE THE ELIMINATION  
11 OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES. WE APPRECIATE THE LEADERSHIP  
12 IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ELIMINATION OF THE AGENCIES. YOU  
13 ALLOCATED \$15 TO \$25 MILLION DOLLARS PER YEAR FOR SEVERAL  
14 YEARS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AND THEN OBVIOUSLY IN OCTOBER YOU  
15 TOOK THE UNPRECEDENTED STEP TO ALLOCATE \$300 MILLION TO  
16 AFFORDABLE HOUSING OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS AND 100 MILLION  
17 PER YEAR AFTER THAT. HOWEVER, AS SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS  
18 POINTED OUT, DESPITE THIS SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT FROM THE  
19 COUNTY IN PUBLIC FUNDS, THIS WILL NOT PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOMES  
20 FOR THE 500,000 PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY WHO NEED IT. SO  
21 WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION, BECAUSE IT WILL INCENTIVIZE,  
22 REMOVE BARRIERS TO, AND IN SOME CASES REQUIRE PRIVATE  
23 DEVELOPERS AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO BE PART OF PRODUCING  
24 AND PRESERVING THESE MUCH NEEDED AFFORDABLE HOMES. WE STRONGLY  
25 SUPPORT THE LAND-USE INCENTIVES, INCLUSIONARY ZONING STUDY,





1 AND REACH OUT TO THE CITY OF L.A. ON THE LINKAGE FEE ISSUE,  
2 BECAUSE THESE HAVE ALL BEEN EFFECTIVE TOOLS IN PRODUCING  
3 AFFORDABLE HOMES IN OVER 100 LOCAL JURISDICTIONS THROUGHOUT  
4 THE STATE. WE ALSO WANT THE THANK THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL  
5 PLANNING FOR WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY TO PUT TOGETHER A  
6 PACKAGE THAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE COUNTY, AND WE LOOK  
7 FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THEM TO IMPLEMENT THESE IDEAS IN AN  
8 APPROPRIATE WAY.

9

10 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WITNESS?

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12 **MATTHEW CHAPMAN:** HELLO, MY NAME IS MATTHEW CHAPMAN FROM  
13 POMONA. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON  
14 SOMETHING. I'D LIKE TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION THAT THE COUNTY  
15 IS TAKING STEPS IN ORDER TO ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEM OF  
16 HOMELESSNESS WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I'VE READ THAT YOU ARE  
17 INDEED WORKING WITH PEOPLE THAT ARE TRYING TO END HOMELESSNESS  
18 AND I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THE COUNTY LOOK UP THE MODELS THAT  
19 WERE USED IN UTAH, OREGON AND SAN JOSE IN ORDER TO ERADICATE  
20 HOMELESSNESS QUITE EFFECTIVELY BY SIMPLY GIVING AWAY HOUSING.  
21 I SUPPOSE AT THE END OF THE DAY YOU HAVE TO LOOK AT, HOW DOES  
22 THE PRICES IMPACT AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE LONG RUN? THAT IS  
23 WHY I DO SUPPORT THIS MEASURE, BUT I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO  
24 LOOK INTO THE LONG RUN TO ENSURE THAT THE REAL IMPACT OF  
25 GENTRIFICATION AND PEOPLE BEING DRIVEN OUT OF THE



1 NEIGHBORHOODS IS NOT SOMETHING THAT WILL SIMPLY AFFECT A NEW  
2 NEIGHBORHOOD THAT WE TRY TO BUILD. I SUPPORT THIS MOTION,  
3 BECAUSE I DO SUPPORT THAT PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE AFFORDABLE  
4 HOUSING. AND YOU DO HAVE A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE THE  
5 FIGHT TO HOMELESSNESS IN A VERY UNIQUE WAY THAT WILL BENEFIT  
6 LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN THE LONG RUN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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8 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

9

10 **ALEXANDER HARNDEN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME'S ALEXANDER  
11 HARNDEN, I'M AN ATTORNEY WITH THE LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF LOS  
12 ANGELES IN OUR SOUTH L.A. OFFICE. AND I FOCUS ON HOUSING,  
13 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, AND ENVIRONMENTAL-JUSTICE ISSUES. I'M  
14 HERE TODAY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THE EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT  
15 MOTION. WORKING WITH LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES, WE OFTEN SEE THE  
16 UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES THAT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS CAN HAVE  
17 WHEN THE NEEDS OF ALL RESIDENTS ARE NOT TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT,  
18 SUCH AS DISPLACEMENT WHICH OCCURS AS A RESULT OF RISING  
19 HOUSING COSTS. WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS  
20 SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN A WAY THAT LIFTS UP EXISTING  
21 COMMUNITIES RATHER THAN BEING BUILT ON THEIR BACKS. AND THIS  
22 MOTION BRINGS US CLOSER TO THAT GOAL BY GIVING LOW- INCOME  
23 COUNTY RESIDENTS ACCESS TO THE BENEFITS OF DEVELOPMENT  
24 OCCURRING IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS. WE'RE PARTICULARLY PLEASED  
25 TO SEE THE HOUSING POLICIES CONAINED IN THIS MOTION, GIVEN OUR



1 CURRENT CRISIS, AND WE'D ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO GO EVEN  
2 FURTHER AND CONSIDER COUNTY-WIDE NET-GAIN OR NO-NET-LOSS  
3 POLICIES. I APPLAUD SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR  
4 STANDING WITH AND SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITIES. AND WE LOOK  
5 FORWARD TO PARTNERING WITH THE COUNTY AS THESE POLICIES ARE  
6 FURTHER DEVELOPED. THANK YOU.

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8 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

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10 **SUSANNE BROWNE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SUSANNE BROWNE. I'M  
11 A SENIOR ATTORNEY WITH THE LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES  
12 IN OUR LONG BEACH OFFICE. WE ARE HERE TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THIS  
13 MOTION. THIS MOTION REPRESENTS ANOTHER STEP FORWARD IN THE  
14 COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO ADDRESS OUR HOUSING CRISIS. WE APPRECIATE  
15 THE BREADTH OF SOLUTIONS INCLUDED IN THIS MOTION. OUR HOUSING  
16 CRISIS IS SO COMPLEX THAT WE NEED A MULTI-PRONGED APPROACH TO  
17 BEGIN TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE HOUSING OF L.A. COUNTY  
18 RESIDENTS. WE ARE PARTICULARLY HAPPY TO SEE INCLUSIONARY  
19 HOUSING, LINKAGE FEES, AND COMMUNITY LAND TRUST INCLUDED IN  
20 THIS MOTION. AS PART OF THE COUNTY'S STRATEGIES TO PRESERVE  
21 EXISTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING, WE URGE THE COUNTY TO EXPLORE A  
22 COUNTY-WIDE NO-NET-LOSS POLICY. AS NOTED IN THE MOTION, ROBUST  
23 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IS CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESS OF EQUITABLE  
24 LAND USE POLICIES. THE LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES



1 LOOKS FORWARD TO PARTNERING WITH THE COUNTY AS WE MOVE FORWARD  
2 WITH THESE POLICIES. THANK YOU.

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4 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

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6 **SEAMUS HURLEY:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SEAMUS HURLEY. I  
7 RESIDE IN DISTRICT 2. TODAY I AM HERE ON BEHALF OF L.A. VOICE,  
8 A COALITION OF CONGREGATIONS AND SECULAR NONPROFITS THROUGHOUT  
9 LOS ANGELES. WE WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THIS MEASURE HAS SUPPORT  
10 IN EVERY DISTRICT. FOR ABOUT A YEAR WE HAVE ENGAGED IN  
11 EDUCATING OUR CONGREGATIONS' FAMILIES ABOUT LESSONS LEARNED  
12 ABOUT PAST DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.  
13 MANY OF OUR FAMILIES HAVE HAD TO MOVE FROM THE COMMUNITIES  
14 THEY HAD LONG RESIDED IN, RAISED FAMILIES IN, AND CONTRIBUTED  
15 TO. WE HOPE THAT THIS MEASURE WILL BE AN INSPIRATION AND AN  
16 EXAMPLE TO MUNICIPALITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY FOR THE  
17 DEVELOPMENT THAT CREATES VIBRANT COMMUNITIES AND INVESTMENTS  
18 THAT CURRENT LONG- TERM RESIDENTS CAN ENJOY AS WELL AS  
19 NEWCOMERS. WE URGE YOU ALL TO SUPPORT THIS MEASURE AND MAKE  
20 THE COUNTY A STRONG LEADER IN THIS EFFORT. THANK YOU VERY  
21 MUCH.

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23 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE TWO MORE WITNESSES.  
24 MARK LIPMAN AND LAURA RAYMAN.

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1   **MARK LIPMAN:** HELLO AGAIN, I'M MARK LIPMAN WITH POWER PEOPLE  
2   ORGANIZED FOR WESTSIDE RENEWAL. OUR ORGANIZATION ALSO STRONGLY  
3   SUPPORTS THIS EFFORT. WE SUPPORT ANY EFFORT THAT SEEKS TO  
4   PRESERVE AND EXPAND AFFORDABLE HOUSING. JUST FOR YOUR  
5   EDIFICATION, THOUGH, DEVELOPERS ARE NOT IN THE BUSINESS OF  
6   PROVIDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING. DEVELOPERS ARE IN THE BUSINESS  
7   OF MAKING MONEY. AND THEY WILL USE EVERY LOOPHOLE AND TRICK  
8   THEY CAN TO MAKE MORE MONEY. AND THAT MEANS BY PROVIDING LESS  
9   AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THAT IS HOW THEY MAKE THEIR HIGH MARGINS.  
10   WE HAVE TO TIGHTEN EVERYTHING THAT WE CAN TO PROTECT OUR  
11   TENANTS, OUR RENTERS, IN THIS COUNTY. THE BIGGEST PROBLEM THAT  
12   I'VE SEEN AS A COMMUNITY ORGANIZER IS THE SET POLICY FROM TOP  
13   TO BOTTOM TO APPROVE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS THAT DO NOT BENEFIT  
14   OUR EXISTING COMMUNITIES. WHEN YOU SIT IN FRONT OF A  
15   COMMISSIONER AND THEY HAVE THE OPTION OF CHOOSING THE LEGAL  
16   JUSTIFICATION TO APPROVE A PROJECT FOR A DEVELOPER OR CHOOSING  
17   A LEGAL JUSTIFICATION TO PROTECT THE COMMUNITY AND DENY A  
18   PROJECT, EVERY SINGLE TIME, THEY WRING THEIR HANDS, OH ME, OH  
19   MY, HEM HAW, WE CAN'T DO THIS, WE CAN'T DO THAT, WE HAVE TO  
20   APPROVE THIS PROJECT, RUBBER STAMP. AND THAT IS THE PROBLEM  
21   THAT WE ARE FACING HERE, BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE GETTING DISPLACED,  
22   BEING FORCED INTO HOMELESSNESS. HERE IN THE COUNTY, I BELIEVE  
23   THE RECORDS WE'RE AT 13,000 PEOPLE FALL INTO HOMELESSNESS  
24   EVERY MONTH. AND THIS IS DUE TO OUR POLICY AND OUR SPENDING  
25   PRIORITIES. TODAY I JUST SAW THAT WE APPROVED \$7 MILLION FOR A



1 SWIMMING POOL. AND I'M THINKING HOW MANY PEOPLE CAN WE  
2 ACTUALLY HOUSE IN A YEAR FOR \$7 MILLION? DIRECTLY JUST HOUSE  
3 PEOPLE WITH THAT MONEY. SO SPENDING PRIORITIES ARE ALSO KEY.  
4 ALSO, I SEE TIME'S RUNNING OUT, CLOSING LOOPHOLES IN ELLIS,  
5 REPEALING ELLIS SO THAT WE CAN OUR AFFORDABLE HOMELESS BILL OF  
6 RIGHTS ARE A PRIORITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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8 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY MYSELF AND SECONDED  
9 BY RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND AS AMENDED AND NOTED BY OUR COLLEAGUES,  
10 THIS IS A REPORT BACK. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH ALL  
11 OF YOU. AND I DO WANT TO THANK OUR PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF  
12 AS WELL AS THE STAFF OF MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MINE AND ALL  
13 OUR STAKEHOLDERS THAT HELPED TO PROVIDE THIS VAST POOL OF  
14 INFORMATION. AND I WANT TO THANK THEM. SO, WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
15 SO ORDERED. THANK YOU. ITEM 39. PUBLIC HEARING.

16

17 **AVIANNA URIBE, ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** THIS IS A HEARING ON  
18 AMENDMENTS TO COUNTY CODE, TITLE 8, CONSUMER PROTECTION,  
19 BUSINESS AND WAGE REGULATIONS, AND TITLE 11, HEALTH AND  
20 SAFETY, TO ESTABLISH PUBLIC-HEALTH- PERMIT AND SERVICE-FEE  
21 CATEGORIES FOR SHARED KITCHEN COMPLEX TO BECOME EFFECTIVE 30  
22 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF BOARD APPROVAL. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENTAL  
23 STATEMENT ON THIS ITEM. NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED, BUT WE  
24 DO HAVE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS  
25 ITEM.



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2 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY WELL. WE'LL CALL UP THOSE PUBLIC  
3 SPEAKERS. SUNITA SINGH. ARNOLD SACHS. BRIAN ALBERT. AND  
4 DANIELLA DAVIS. PLEASE, GO AHEAD.

5

6 **AVIANNA URIBE, ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO  
7 TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD, PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT  
8 HAND TO BE SWORN IN. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS  
9 BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE  
10 TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP YOU GOD?

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12 **SPEAKER:** I DO.

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14 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. YOU MAY BEGIN.

15

16 **BRIAN ALBERT:** MY NAME IS BRIAN ALBERT. I AM HERE FROM L.A.  
17 PREP TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS. I WANT TO THANK IN  
18 PARTICULAR SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER LEADERSHIP IN MOVING THESE  
19 IMPORTANT IMPROVEMENTS THROUGH AND ALSO SPEAK TO THE WONDERFUL  
20 ASSISTANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, IN PARTICULAR  
21 ANGELO BELLOMO, TERRI WILLIAMS, BRENDA LOPEZ, FREDDIE AGEN,  
22 ALL OF WHOM HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN MAKING THESE REALLY  
23 IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH CODE. IN PARTICULAR, AS  
24 YOU MAY KNOW, THERE'S A SERIOUS INSUFFICIENCY OF FOOD-  
25 PRODUCTION SPACE IN L.A. COUNTY. AND THE COUNTY HEALTH



1 DEPARTMENT HAS DONE A REALLY IMPRESSIVE AND INNOVATIVE JOB IN  
2 RATHER THAN BRINGING DOWN STANDARDS, WHICH IS A STANDARD  
3 APPROACH FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY IN  
4 ADDRESSING THIS LACK OF FOOD-PRODUCTION SPACE, THEY'VE  
5 ACTUALLY CREATED A PATHWAY FOR FOOD MAKERS TO ACHIEVE A HIGHER  
6 STANDARD OF FOOD PRODUCTION AND THEREBY EXPAND THEIR BUSINESS  
7 AND BE ABLE TO SUPPLY ALL KINDS OF DIFFERENT -- A WHOLE WIDE  
8 ARRAY OF FOOD PRODUCTS THAT OTHERWISE WOULDN'T MAKE IT TO THE  
9 MARKET AND THEIR SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED FOOD BUSINESSES WOULD  
10 NOT BE SUCCESSFUL. IN PARTICULAR, IT'S ALLOWED US TO OPEN UP  
11 L.A. PREP, WHICH HAS 54 PRODUCTION SPACES FOR INDIVIDUAL  
12 TENANTS, EACH ONE UNIQUE TO ONE TENANT. WE NOW HAVE 200 NEW  
13 JOBS AS A RESULT OF THIS FACILITY. TWO-THIRDS OF OUR TENANTS  
14 ARE WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES. IT'S A REALLY DRAMATIC EXAMPLE OF  
15 HOW IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE REGULATIONS ARE. AND WE JUST WANT  
16 TO SUPPORT STRONGLY THESE AMENDMENTS.

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18 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

19  
20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.  
21 AND ADDING TO THE COUNTY WORKLOAD. NOT TO BE SO NEGATIVE, BUT  
22 YOU KNOW YOU READ THE NEWSPAPERS AND YOU READ A STORY THAT THE  
23 COUNTY'S INSPECTION OF FACILITIES IS LAGGING BECAUSE THEY  
24 DON'T HAVE THE WORKFORCE TO DO IT. SOME PLACES GET INSPECTED  
25 ONCE EVERY ONE, TWO YEARS OR MORE. HOW WILL THIS ADDITIONAL





1 WORKLOAD BE ADDRESSED? RESTAURANT FACILITIES, FOOD SERVICE  
2 FACILITIES, NURSING HOME CARE FACILITIES. IT SEEMS LIKE ALMOST  
3 EVERY OTHER MONTH, AND I HATE TO USE THE L.A. TIMES AS A  
4 REFERENCE, BUT THEY EVEN WRITE A STORY THAT SOME FACILITY WAS  
5 LAGGING ON AN INSPECTION, ROUTINE, THAT THE COUNTY WASN'T  
6 IMPOSING THESE INSPECTIONS ON A TIMELY MANNER. SO BY CHANGING  
7 THE PROTECTIONS FOR THE CONSUMERS, HOW ARE YOU GOING TO  
8 ADDRESS THIS TIMELY MANNER OF MAKING THESE INSPECTIONS WHEN  
9 YOU HAVEN'T ADDRESSED THE TIMELY MANNER OF MAKING THE  
10 INSPECTIONS OF THE FACILITIES THAT YOU ALREADY HAVE ON YOUR  
11 AGENDA? YOU'RE ADDING TO YOUR PLATE WHILE YOU'RE STUFFING YOUR  
12 FACE. IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE. PLEASE GIVE US SOME  
13 INFORMATION ON HOW YOU'RE GOING TO ADDRESS THIS ADDITIONAL  
14 WORKLOAD. HIRE MORE WORKERS. HIRE MORE VETS. I DON'T KNOW. I  
15 DO KNOW, FROM THE REPORTS, THERE'S BEEN NO ACHIEVEMENT OF  
16 LESSENING THE PLACES THAT HAVE BEEN NEGLECTED. OH, AND LET'S  
17 NOT FORGET FOSTER CARE.

18  
19 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE SOME OTHER SPEAKERS I'D LIKE TO  
20 CALL FORWARD. RED CHIEF HUNT AND WAYNE FROM ENCINO.  
21 SUPERVISORS? COUNTY COUNSEL, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS HAS A  
22 QUESTION FOR YOU.

23  
24 **LARRY HAFETZ, COUNSEL:** THIS IS -- IT'S UP TO YOUR BOARD'S  
25 DISCRETION. OBVIOUSLY YOU CAN -- THIS MAN OR WOMAN, I'M NOT



1 SURE, ISN'T REQUIRED TO TESTIFY, CERTAINLY DRESSED LIKE THAT.

2 WE CAN DISALLOW THIS PERSON FROM TESTIFYING.

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4 **RED CHIEF HUNT:** WHAT DO YOU MEAN? DO I HAVE THE RIGHT TO  
5 SPEAK?

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7 **SPEAKER:** THIS IS PROTECTED BY THE BROWN ACT.

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9 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MR. HUNT, WOULD YOU CARE TO SPEAK? YOUR  
10 TIME IS ON.

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12 **RED CHIEF HUNT:** THIS IS THE RED CHIEF HUNT. JUST A LITTLE BIT  
13 ABOUT INSPECTIONS. I THINK THAT WE SHOULD REALLY GO OUT AND DO  
14 INSPECTIONS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. CAN I PLEASE BE VISIBLE SO  
15 THAT WE CAN SEE EACH OTHER? THIS IS PROTECTED BY THE BROWN  
16 ACT, SECTION 5309 BY THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT. I AM PROTECTED.  
17 IF YOU RESPECT ME, THEN I WILL SLOWLY TAKE OFF MY MASK AND I  
18 WILL NOT BE A PROBLEM. MY MAIN ISSUE IS HERE I'M REALLY HERE  
19 TO SEE RON BROWN FROM THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE. IF YOU  
20 GUYS CAN GET ME HIM, YOU GUYS NEVER HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ME  
21 AGAIN.

22

23 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** NICE JOB. THAT'S RIGHT. RED CHIEF! THAT'S  
24 RIGHT. FIRST AMENDMENT. ALIVE AND WELL IN L.A. COUNTY. HEALTH  
25 AND SAFETY. HEALTH AND SAFETY INCLUDES THE RIGHT TO FREE



1 SPEECH, UNLIKE THE M.T.A. BOARD, WHERE CERTAIN PEOPLE CAN'T  
2 TALK. BUT HERE, FREE SPEECH IS ALIVE AND WELL. SHARED KITCHEN  
3 COMPLEXES, IMPORTANT. PUBLIC HEALTH, IMPORTANT. BEING FREE  
4 FROM RESTRAINT --

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6 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** PLEASE ADDRESS THE ITEM.

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8 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** OKAY. SHARED KITCHEN COMPLEX IS IMPORTANT.  
9 PUBLIC HEALTH, IMPORTANT. AND THE RIGHT TO BE FREE IN YOUR OWN  
10 COUNTRY, MASSIVELY IMPORTANT, BECAUSE YOU CANNOT HAVE PUBLIC  
11 HEALTH UNLESS YOU HAVE THE FREEDOM OF RESTRAINT, FREEDOM FROM  
12 RESTRAINT AND THE FREEDOM NOT TO WALK THROUGH AN M.T.A. BOARD  
13 MEETING WITH TWO MEN WITH MACHINE GUNS WALKING OUT WITH ME TO  
14 THREATEN ME OUT OF THE M.T.A. COMPLEX AFTER I WAS THROWN OUT.  
15 THAT IS NOT PUBLIC HEALTH. THAT IS NOT PUBLIC SAFETY. THAT IS  
16 MENTAL AND PHYSICAL INTIMIDATION AND A VIOLATION UNDER THE  
17 FIRST AMENDMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND THE  
18 RALPH M. BROWN ACT. MY LIFE WAS JUST THREATENED AT THE L.A.  
19 POLICE COMMISSION MEETING BY COMMISSIONER STEVE SOBOROFF IN  
20 FRONT OF --

21

22 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** PLEASE STAY ON SUBJECT MATTER.

23

24 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** IT IS. PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY WAS JUST  
25 THREATENED BY COMMISSIONER POLICE STEVE SOBOROFF, WHO MADE



1 TERRORIST THREATS TO ME, AND I'M OVER HERE TO TELL YOU THAT  
2 I'M ALIVE AND WELL, BUT YOU NEED TO ARREST AND PROSECUTE STEVE  
3 SOBOROFF FOR TERRORIST THREATS AND TERRORIST CONDUCT.

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5 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NOT RELATED TO OUR SUBJECT MATTER BEFORE  
6 US, SIR.

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8 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** THANK YOU.

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10 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, MEMBERS, AT THIS TIME, I WILL MOVE  
11 TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND MOVE THE ITEM.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** SECOND.

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15 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. ANY  
16 OBJECTIONS? SO ORDERED. MEMBERS, WE ARE GOING ON TO  
17 ADJOURNMENTS. WE HAVE ADJOURNMENTS BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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19 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
20 MEMORY OF MARY SEPIKAS, WHO PASSED AWAY ON NOVEMBER 29TH. SHE  
21 WAS A GRADUATE OF C.S.U.N., ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE LITHUANIAN  
22 COMMUNITY, SERVED AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA  
23 CHAPTER IN LOS ANGELES FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS, WAS A DEDICATED  
24 MEMBER AND VOLUNTEER AT ST. CASIMIR LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
25 IN LOS ANGELES. AND SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER SISTER AND BROTHER.



1 I WAS THERE FOR THEIR LITHUANIAN FESTIVITIES, AND IT'S A SHOCK  
2 THAT SHE WAS A LEADER IN THE COMMUNITY, AND WE ARE VERY SAD TO  
3 SEE THAT SHE PASSED ON. SHE WAS A WONDERFUL LADY. SHIRLEY  
4 MELTON JOHNSON, WIFE OF CONGRESSMAN SAM JOHNSON, PASSED AWAY  
5 AT THE AGE OF 85 ON DECEMBER 3RD. SHE FOUNDED THE NATIONAL  
6 LEAGUE OF P.O.W./M.I.A. FAMILIES AFTER HER HUSBAND WAS HELD AS  
7 A P.O.W. DURING THE VIETNAM WAR FOR NEARLY 7 YEARS. SHE WAS A  
8 DEVOUT MEMBER OF THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN TEXAS  
9 AND SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, SAM, AND THEIR TWO CHILDREN.  
10 RAYMOND ZIEGLER, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 96, VISITING  
11 PROFESSOR OF DESIGN AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AND DIRECTOR  
12 AND OFFICER OF THE PASADENA FOOTHILL CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN  
13 INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS. HE WAS PAST CHAIRMAN OF THE LOS  
14 ANGELES AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES  
15 COMMITTEE. AND HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN  
16 AND FOUR GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. STETSON RUSSELL SWISHER, THE  
17 SECOND LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, WAS A  
18 TEACHER AND COACH AT WILLIAM S. HART HIGH SCHOOL, AND HE IS  
19 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTERS. SMITTY CROSBY, LONGTIME  
20 RESIDENT OF ANTELOPE VALLEY. HE WORKED FOR THE COUNTY PARKS  
21 AND REC FOR 13 YEARS FOLLOWING A 39-YEAR CAREER AT PALMDALE  
22 DISPOSAL. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 56 YEARS AND THEIR  
23 DAUGHTER AND SON AND GRANDCHILDREN. JERILYN JO BROWN, LONGTIME  
24 RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, SHE WORKED FOR THE LOCAL  
25 MEDICAL FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE HENRY MAYO UNION NEWHALL



1 HOSPITAL AND THE PROVIDENCE HOLY CROSS MEDICAL CENTER AND LOS  
2 ROBLES HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER. CLYVE LENNOX GREAVES,  
3 PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 1ST, A GRADUATE OF HOWARD UNIVERSITY,  
4 PROFESSOR AT PRESENTATION COLLEGE IN SOUTH DAKOTA, WORKED AT  
5 COCHRAN STATE PRISON AND FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
6 DEPARTMENT UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND  
7 HIS SON AND BROTHER AND STEPSONS AND GRANDCHILDREN. VIRGINIA  
8 HALSTED PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 92. RESIDENT OF PALMDALE.  
9 WORKED AS A BANK TELLER IN ANTELOPE VALLEY, AN ACTIVE MEMBER  
10 OF THE EASTERN STAR AND THE WHITE SHRINE. SHE SERVED MANY  
11 YEARS AS A VOLUNTEER AT THE PALMDALE PLAYHOUSE. SURVIVED BY  
12 HER DAUGHTER AND GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT GRANDCHILD. SHUN HU,  
13 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. PASSED AWAY AT THE  
14 AGE OF 95 ON DECEMBER 1ST. IN 1942 HE JOINED THE UNITED STATES  
15 NAVY AND FOUGHT IN WORLD WAR II FOR FIVE YEARS. HE WAS LATER  
16 FOUNDER AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
17 CHINESE- AMERICANS. AND HE FOUNDED THE LOS ANGELES -- SISTER-  
18 CITY ASSOCIATION IN 1981 AND ASSISTED WITH THE 1984 OLYMPICS.  
19 ROBERT LANCASTER, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE SANTA CLARITA  
20 VALLEY, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85. PROUDLY SERVED WITH  
21 THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS DURING THE KOREAN WAR, WHICH HE  
22 WAS AWARDED THE PURPLE HEART. HE THEN WENT ON TO WORK AS A  
23 FIREFIGHTER, AND AFTER 30 YEARS OF COMBINED SERVICE, HE  
24 RETIRED FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT AS A  
25 FIREFIGHTER SPECIALIST. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND



1 CHILDREN AND SISTER. ESTHER NORBUT, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE  
2 CRESCENTA VALLEY, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 92. SHE WAS AN  
3 AWARD-WINNING QUILTER, SKILLED WRITER, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST,  
4 AND DRAFTER. SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND OF 59 YEARS, DON, SHE WAS  
5 KNOWN AS -- THE COUPLE WERE KNOWN AS MR. AND MRS. LA CRESCENTA  
6 DUE TO THEIR EXTENSIVE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT. SURVIVED BY HER  
7 DAUGHTER NANCY AND SON-IN-LAW JEFF AND HER GRANDCHILDREN  
8 DOREEN AND KYLE. I ALSO HAVE A MOTION THAT "ON OCTOBER 23RD,  
9 THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS ALISO CANYON UNDERGROUND GAS  
10 FACILITY SUFFERED A WELL FAILURE RESULTING IN A GAS LEAK. IT  
11 CONTINUES TO THIS DAY WITH RESIDENTS SUFFERING NAUSEA,  
12 DIZZINESS, NOSEBLEEDS AND HEADACHES. OVER 2,000 INDIVIDUALS  
13 HAVE REQUESTED RELOCATION, WHICH IS BEING PAID FOR BY SOUTHERN  
14 CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY. YESTERDAY, LOS ANGELES CITY MAYOR,  
15 ERIC GARCETTI, AND LOS ANGELES CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCED THAT  
16 HAD THE CITY WOULD FILE A LAWSUIT AGAINST SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
17 GAS COMPANY REQUESTING INSURING THAT THE LEAK IS REPAIRED AS  
18 QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, INSURING THE CAUSES OF THE LEAK AND THE  
19 REASONS FOR THE INORDINANT DELAY IN FIXING IT ARE FULLY  
20 UNDERSTOOD AND ACTION PLANS PUT IN PLACE TO PREVENT A  
21 REOCCURRENCE OF THIS TYPE OF EVENT, ENSURING THAT ANY  
22 SYSTEMATIC DEFICIENCIES IN THE OPERATION OF ALL WELLS AND  
23 OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE ALISO CANYON FACILITY AND SIMILAR  
24 STORAGE FACILITIES ARE APPROPRIATELY ADDRESSED ALONG WITH  
25 ADDRESSING THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE EMISSION OF A MASSIVE



1 VOLUME OF GREENHOUSE GAS FROM THIS SITE IN THE ENVIRONMENT,  
2 IMPOSE CIVIL PENALTIES. AND I WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT  
3 COUNTY COUNSEL TO MEET WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY AND TO EXPLORE  
4 OUR LEGAL OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO  
5 JOIN IN THE LAWSUIT WITH A REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN TWO  
6 WEEKS." I WOULD INTRODUCE THAT FOR THE REPORT BACK, MADAME  
7 CHAIR.

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9 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IT WILL BE BROUGHT BACK. YES, NEXT WEEK'S  
10 AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** SO ORDERED, THEN? THE OTHER MOTION I  
13 HAVE -- IT'S A REPORT BACK.

14

15 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, ON THE  
16 SOUTHERN CAL GAS COMPANY LEAK IN PORTER RANCH, THIS IS A  
17 REPORT BACK?

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19 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT.

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21 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO WE DON'T HAVE TO TAKE --

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23 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** WELL, SO ORDERED THAT THE REPORT WILL  
24 COME BACK.

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1 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES. IT'LL COME BACK. VERY GOOD.

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3 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** AND MY OTHER MOTION IS CO-AUTHORED BY

4 YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. "THE NEXT GENERATION AIR TRANSPORTATION

5 SYSTEM, NEXT GEN, IS A NATIONAL AEROSPACE SYSTEM THAT GUIDES

6 JET LINERS USING G.P.S. TECHNOLOGY INSTEAD OF THE GROUND-BASED

7 AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS. THE F.A.A. CLAIMS THIS WILL SHORTEN

8 ROUTES, SAVE TIME AND FUEL, AND REDUCE TRAFFIC DELAYS BY

9 ALLOWING JETLINERS TO BE SPACED CLOSER TOGETHER IN A TIGHTER,

10 NEW ROUTES THAT ARE AT A LOWER ALTITUDE. HOWEVER, THE

11 COMMUNITIES IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY HAVE MAJOR CONCERNS THAT

12 NEXT GEN WILL INTRODUCE LOUDER, UNRELENTING JET NOISE IN

13 NEIGHBORHOODS. LAST WEEK, IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE BAY AREA,

14 WHERE NEXT GEN HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED, SAW A 2,706 PERCENT

15 INCREASE IN NOISE COMPLAINTS, THAT'S A 2,706 PERCENT INCREASE

16 IN NOISE COMPLAINTS. ELECTED OFFICIALS AND RESIDENTS OF THE

17 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CONCERNED THAT NEXT GEN WAS NOT VETTED

18 PUBLICLY. CONGRESSWOMAN GRACE NAPOLITANO, WHO REPRESENTS PART

19 OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND SITS ON THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION

20 COMMITTEE, STATED THE F.A.A. DID NOT EVEN INFORM HER OF THE

21 PLAN UNTIL JULY. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE, AND THE F.A.A. NEEDS TO

22 DELAY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN AND FORM A WORKING GROUP WITH

23 ALL IMPACTED CITIES AND UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES TO VET THE

24 ISSUES AND DEVELOP A WORKABLE PLAN. WE WOULD THEREFORE MOVE

25 THAT THE BOARD SEND A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE F.A.A.



1 REQUESTING THAT THEY DELAY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEXT GEN  
2 SYSTEM UNTIL A WORKING GROUP OF IMPACTED CITIES AND  
3 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY BE FORMED  
4 TO DISCUSS CONCERNS AND DEVELOP A WORKABLE PLAN."

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6 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. THIS ITEM HAS BEEN MOVED BY  
7 ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY SOLIS TO PLACE ON NEXT WEEK'S  
8 CALENDAR. ANY OBJECTIONS? SO ORDERED.

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10 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN TO ALSO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
11 ROBERT ADAMS, A RESIDENT OF YUCAIPA, WHO WAS AN EMPLOYEE WITH  
12 THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST,  
13 ISAAC AMANIOS, RESIDENT OF FONTANA WHO WAS ALSO EMPLOYED AT  
14 THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, BENNETTA  
15 BETBADAL, ALSO OF RIALTO, AND SHE IS FROM THE ASSYRIAN  
16 COMMUNITY. SHE HAD ESCAPED TO THE UNITED STATES AT THE AGE OF  
17 18 FROM IRAN TO AMERICA BECAUSE OF EXTREMIST -- ISLAMIC  
18 EXTREMISM AND THE PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS THAT FOLLOWED THE  
19 IRANIAN REVOLUTION. SHE WAS ALSO AN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH  
20 SPECIALIST WITH THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
21 HEALTH. HARRY BOWMAN, SAN BERNARDINO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
22 EXPERT IN SPECIAL DATE AND MAPPING WAS 46. SIERRA CLAYBORN, A  
23 2010 GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA RIVERSIDE WHO  
24 WORKED AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST. JUAN ESPINOZA,  
25 AN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE COUNTY. AURORA



1 GODOY, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH,  
2 SHANNON JOHNSON, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST. LARRY DANIEL  
3 KAUFMAN, WORKED WITH THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED CLIENTS AT  
4 THE INLAND REGIONAL CENTER. MICHAEL RAYMOND WETZEL.

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6 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS.

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8 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** ALL MEMBERS, WAS A MEMBER OF LAKE  
9 ARROWHEAD, SERVED AS SUPERVISING ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH  
10 SPECIALIST WITH THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
11 HEALTH. YVETTE VELASCO, ALSO AN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH  
12 SPECIALIST WITH THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
13 HEALTH. NICHOLAS THALASINOS, HEALTH INSPECTOR IN SAN  
14 BERNARDINO COUNTY. TIN NGUYEN, HEALTH INSPECTOR WITH THE  
15 COUNTY. DAMIAN MEINS, EMPLOYEE WITH THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
16 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH. THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE  
17 TRAGICALLY KILLED IN THAT TERRORIST ATTACK IN THEIR WORKPLACE.  
18 AND IT WAS A TRAGEDY. AND WE STAND WITH THE CITY AND THE  
19 COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO. THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO DID AN  
20 INCREDIBLE PRESENTATION TO THE PUBLIC WITH EACH OF THE  
21 SUPERVISORS. IT WAS PRODUCED BY THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO.  
22 AND OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS ARE GOING OUT TO THEM. THEY'VE  
23 HANDLED THIS SO DIFFICULT SITUATION SO WELL. WHAT IS  
24 REMARKABLE IS THAT THEIR PUBLIC SAFETY FIRST RESPONDERS WERE  
25 ABLE TO RESPOND IN 4 MINUTES WHEN THAT SHOOTING TOOK PLACE.



1 AND THAT IS A RECORD OF PROFESSIONALISM THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO  
2 EXECUTE THAT ENDED UP SAVING MORE LIVES, AS WELL. AND THE  
3 EMERGENCY ROOMS AND THE HOSPITALS DID AN INCREDIBLE JOB IN  
4 PROVIDING MEDICAL CARE. SO THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

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6 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT UP IS SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
7 THOMAS.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR. MAY I  
10 ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JUDGE ELLEN DESHAZER, BORN  
11 NOVEMBER 30, 1938 IN THE GREAT STATE OF WISCONSIN. SHE PASSED  
12 ON THE 19TH OF NOVEMBER AT THE AGE OF 76. AFTER GRADUATING  
13 FROM HIGH SCHOOL, SHE TOOK VARIOUS JOBS, MANY INTERESTING  
14 JOBS. SHE WAS THERE PERFORMING RELATED ROLES IN THE  
15 INTERNATIONALLY BROADCAST BOUT BETWEEN MUHAMMAD ALI AND JIMMY  
16 ELLIS. AND THEN AFTER RELOCATING TO LOS ANGELES, SHE EARNED A  
17 BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE FROM CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
18 DOMINGUEZ HILLS AND A JURIS DOCTORATE FROM GLENDALE UNIVERSITY  
19 COLLEGE OF LAW IN 1982. AND THE JUDGE WENT ON TO WORK AS A  
20 CLERK AT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AND WAS ADMITTED TO THE  
21 STATE BAR AT THE AGE OF 44. AND IN 1984, SHE BECAME A DEPUTY  
22 DISTRICT ATTORNEY. AND IN 1989 SHE WAS APPOINTED A MUNICIPAL  
23 COURT COMMISSIONER. SIX YEARS LATER, SHE WAS APPOINTED TO A  
24 COMPTON MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGESHIP BY THEN GOVERNOR PETE  
25 WILSON, WHERE SHE HELPED ESTABLISH COMPTON'S DRUG COURT AND



1    PRESIDED OVER THE THERAPEUTIC RECOVERY OF HUNDREDS OF DRUG  
2    COURT GRADUATES. IN 2000, SHE WAS ELEVATED TO THE LOS ANGELES  
3    SUPERIOR COURT, WHERE SHE WAS INTEGRAL IN IMPLEMENTING  
4    PROPOSITION 36, WHICH ESTABLISHED A TREATMENT-BASED MODEL FOR  
5    DRUG OFFENDERS CHARGED WITH SIMPLE POSSESSION FOR THE FIRST OR  
6    SECOND TIME. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A STRICT BUT FAIR JUDGE  
7    WHO PUSHED THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE HER TO CHANGE THEIR LIFESTYLE  
8    SO THEY COULD RECONNECT WITH THEIR FAMILIES, GAIN EMPLOYMENT,  
9    AND, IN A SENSE, REGAIN THEIR HEALTH AND REMAIN DRUG-FREE.  
10   JUDGE DESHAZER IS SURVIVED BY A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND  
11   MEMBERS OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY, WHO WILL MOST  
12   ASSUREDLY MISS HER. MADAME CHAIR, WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I'D  
13   LIKE TO READ IN AN ADDITIONAL MOTION THAT WE WILL THEN TAKE UP  
14   NEXT WEEK. IT IS ESSENTIALLY ADDRESSING VIOLENCE IN THE  
15   COMMUNITY AND IN THE WORKPLACE. "THE RECENT HORRIFIC EVENTS IN  
16   SAN BERNARDINO ARE TRAGIC REMINDERS THAT THE BOARD OF  
17   SUPERVISORS MUST ENSURE THAT IT IS DOING ALL THAT IT CAN TO  
18   PREVENT VIOLENCE IN THE COMMUNITY AND WORKPLACE. L.A. COUNTY  
19   HAS LAUNCHED VARIOUS SUCCESSFUL STRATEGIES TO COMBAT THE  
20   UNDERLYING COMPLEX CAUSES OF VIOLENCE. FOR EXAMPLE, TO THE  
21   EXTENT THAT THE UNDERLYING PROBLEMS ARE RELATED TO MENTAL  
22   HEALTH PROBLEMS, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL  
23   HEALTH HAS IMPLEMENTED VARIOUS SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS. D.M.H. HAS  
24   CREATED SCHOOL THREAT ASSESSMENT TEAMS THAT IDENTIFIED  
25   TROUBLED YOUTH AND INTERVENED BEFORE VIOLENT OUTCOMES OCCUR.



1 AND THEN D.M.H. HAS PROVIDED MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING  
2 FOR THOUSANDS OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND COUNTY STAFF TO  
3 IDENTIFY AND RESPOND TO SIGNS OF MENTAL ILLNESS. THE COUNTY  
4 HAS ALSO TAKEN STEPS TO PREVENT VIOLENCE IN THE WORKPLACE.  
5 EARLY THIS YEAR, AFTER AN ISOLATED SHOOTING INCIDENT AT ONE  
6 MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY, FOR EXAMPLE, THE BOARD IMMEDIATELY  
7 STRENGTHENED SAFETY PROTOCOLS AND PRACTICES AT ALL COUNTY  
8 MENTAL HEALTH AND HEALTH FACILITIES. THE COUNTY ALSO TAKES  
9 STEPS TO PREVENT AND ELIMINATE HOSTILE WORKPLACE ENVIRONMENTS  
10 AND REGULARLY CELEBRATES THE DIVERSITY OF ITS STAFF. MUCH MORE  
11 NEEDS TO BE DONE IN THE FACE OF A DEEPLY TROUBLING AND  
12 RECURRING PATTERN OF MASS SHOOTINGS. YESTERDAY, THE UNITED  
13 STATES SUPREME COURT SIGNALLED THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS HAVE THE  
14 LEGAL AUTHORITY TO REASONABLY REGULATE THE PURCHASE OF RAPID  
15 FIRE WEAPONS SUCH AS THOSE USED IN RECENT MASS SHOOTINGS. NOW  
16 IT IS TIME TO ACT. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF  
17 SUPERVISORS REQUEST THE SHERIFF, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND  
18 COUNTY COUNSEL, THE HEALTH AGENCY DIRECTORS AND REPORT BACK IN  
19 30 DAYS IN WRITING ON RECOMMENDATIONS TO FURTHER PREVENT  
20 VIOLENCE AND IMPROVE SAFETY IN THE WORKPLACE AND IN PUBLIC  
21 SETTINGS. THIS REPORT BACK SHALL INCLUDE OPTIONS TO EXPAND  
22 CURRENTLY SUCCESSFUL DEPARTMENT EFFORTS OR TO IMPLEMENT NEW,  
23 PROMISING COUNTY PROGRAMS THAT PREVENT VIOLENCE, OPTIONS TO  
24 EXPAND WORKPLACE SAFETY PROTOCOLS AND PRACTICES AND ENSURE  
25 THEY ARE ADOPTED AND IMPLEMENTED AT ALL COUNTY FACILITIES,



1    OPTIONS TO EXPAND GUN BUY-BACK PROGRAMS, OPTIONS TO BETTER  
2    ENFORCE EXISTING AND/OR ADOPT STRICTER GUN CONTROL  
3    RESTRICTIONS AND PENALTIES, ESPECIALLY RELATED TO THE SALE OF  
4    POSSESSION OF SEMI-AUTOMATIC GUNS AND MILITARY-STYLE WEAPONS,  
5    INCLUDING FURTHER BACKGROUND CHECKS ON THE SALES OF GUNS  
6    WITHIN L.A. COUNTY, REQUIREMENTS THAT GUN PURCHASES ALSO BUY  
7    INSURANCE SIMILAR TO CAR INSURANCE OR TO COVER ANY TAXPAYER  
8    EXPENSES INCURRED FROM THE INJURIOUS USE OF A GUN OR TAXES ON  
9    AMMUNITION AND FIREARMS, OTHER STATE, FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE  
10    OPTIONS THAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. I BRING THAT TO OUR  
11    ATTENTION BECAUSE IT'S TIME FOR US TO ACT, MADAME CHAIR. AND I  
12    TRUST THAT THE BOARD WILL TAKE THIS UP AT ITS NEXT REGULARLY  
13    SCHEDULED MEETING, DISPOSE OF IT, AND GIVE THE APPROPRIATE  
14    INSTRUCTIONS TO OUR APPROPRIATE STAFF MEMBERS."

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16    **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
17    THOMAS. SECONDED. THIS ITEM WILL BE BACK BEFORE US. IF THERE'S  
18    NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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20    **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN  
21    WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ROBERT LOGGIA, FILM  
22    AND STAGE ACTOR WHO DIED AT THE AGE OF 85. SON OF SICILIAN  
23    IMMIGRANTS, LOGGIA A RUGGED FACE AND A ROUGH VOICE, FIT NEATLY  
24    INTO GANGSTER PARTS. HE PLAYED GANGSTERS AND WISE GUYS IN A  
25    LOT OF MOVIES, INCLUDING "SCARFACE," "PRIZZI'S HONOR," "ARMED



1 AND DANGEROUS," AND LATER IN HIS CAREER ON "THE SOPRANOS." HE  
2 RECEIVED AN ACADEMY AWARD NOMINATION FOR SUPPORTING ACTOR IN  
3 THE FILM "JAGGED EDGE." HE ALSO PERFORMED IN BROADWAY IN THE  
4 1964 ACTORS' STUDIO PRODUCTION OF CHEKHOV'S "THE THREE  
5 SISTERS" AND LATER IN "WEDDING BAND" WITH RUBY DEE AND "IN THE  
6 BOOM BOOM ROOM" WITH MADELYN KAHN. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS THREE  
7 CHILDREN, DAUGHTERS TRACEY AND KRISTINA AND HIS SON JOHN, AND  
8 HIS SECOND WIFE, AUDREY O'BRIEN. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE  
9 ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ELAINE JANICE WINTERS.  
10 SHE PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 4TH AT THE AGE OF 90. SHE WAS ONE  
11 OF THE VERY FIRST VOLUNTEERS AT CEDARS-SINAI AND OVER TIME  
12 SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, THEN WAS ELECTED  
13 CHAIR, AND IN 2002 WAS APPOINTED A LIFE TRUSTEE. SHE ALSO  
14 SERVED ON THE COMMITTEE OF THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION  
15 THAT CREATED THE LEGISLATION THAT LED TO THE DURABLE POWER OF  
16 ATTORNEY ACT IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. IT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY  
17 ADOPTED NATIONWIDE. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER SHERRY AND  
18 SON JOHN, HER GRANDCHILDREN JUSTIN, RYAN, KAYLA, GREG AND  
19 CHELSEA AND LAUREN AND HER GREAT-GRANDSON GRAHAM. LET ME SAY  
20 ALSO IN REFERENCE TO THE MOTION THAT WAS JUST READ IN TO BE  
21 CONSIDERED NEXT WEEK, I WAS VERY MOVED WHEN I READ A STATEMENT  
22 FROM CONGRESSWOMAN JACKIE SPEIER ABOUT HER RESPONSE TO THE  
23 DEATHS IN SAN BERNARDINO, BECAUSE ALTHOUGH SHE, LIKE ALL THE  
24 REST OF US, WAS HORRIFIED AND FILLED WITH SYMPATHY FOR THE  
25 SURVIVORS AND THEIR FAMILIES, FAMILIES OF THOSE WHO DIDN'T





1 SURVIVE, SHE SAID SHE WAS TIRED OF MOMENTS OF SILENCE. SHE WAS  
2 TIRED OF ADJOURNING IN PEOPLE'S MEMORIES WHO HAD BEEN KILLED  
3 IN MASS SHOOTINGS. AND WHAT SHE WANTED WAS SOME ACTION. SO I  
4 JOIN WITH SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS IN AND LOOK FORWARD TO OUR  
5 DISCUSSION NEXT WEEK, BECAUSE SINCE THE SUPREME COURT HAS VERY  
6 RECENTLY INDICATED THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS CAN ENACT SENSIBLE  
7 GUN CONTROL LEGISLATION RELATED TO THESE KINDS OF MULTIPLE-  
8 REPEATING WEAPONS, I THINK IT'S TIME FOR THE COUNTY TO EXPLORE  
9 ALL OF ITS OPTIONS, THOSE SET FORTH BY ANY OF ITS 88 CITIES  
10 ALREADY, IN ORDER TO CONSIDER WHAT WE MIGHT DO. DO. BELIEVE  
11 ME, I UNDERSTAND IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT GUNS. BUT I ALSO  
12 UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS ABOUT GUNS. I CAN'T IMAGINE SUCH A  
13 MASSACRE TAKING PLACE IN SCHOOLS, THEATERS, WITH BASEBALL BATS  
14 AND KNIVES AND HAVING THE SAME KIND OF RESULT. SO I LOOK  
15 FORWARD TO OUR DISCUSSION AS IT WOULD PROBABLY BE QUITE MIXED.  
16 BUT THAT'S PART OF THE FUN ON THIS BOARD AND IN THIS COUNTY.  
17 SO, THANKS TO THE SUPERVISOR, AND I THINK WE ALL JOINED IN  
18 ADJOURNING IN THE MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS IN SAN BERNARDINO.  
19 THANK YOU.

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21 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR  
22 KNABE.

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24 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN  
25 MEMORY OF VIRGINIA HOLLOWAY, WHO PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY ON



1 DECEMBER 5TH. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER, BARBARA GOOD  
2 AND WILL BE TRULY MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW AND LOVED HER. ALSO  
3 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JAMES D. OTTO OF LOS ANGELES AND  
4 FORMER UNITED STATES MARINE CORPORAL WHO BRAVELY GAVE HIS LIFE  
5 SERVING HIS COUNTRY IN WORLD WAR II IN THE PACIFIC THEATER,  
6 PASSED AWAY IN 1943 AT THE AGE OF 20. FOR OVER 70 YEARS SINCE  
7 HIS DEATH, MR. OTTO'S REMAINS WERE THOUGHT TO BE UNIDENTIFIED  
8 BY HIS FAMILY. EARLIER THIS MONTH, A SCIENTIST AT THE DEFENSE  
9 DEPARTMENT P.O.W./M.I.A. ACCOUNTING AGENCY WERE ABLE TO  
10 POSITIVELY IDENTIFY MR. OTTO'S REMAINS, AND HE WILL BE BURIED  
11 THIS WEEK WITH FULL MILITARY HONORS. THOSE ARE MY  
12 ADJOURNMENTS.

13  
14 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I ALSO JUST WANT TO MAKE A LAST  
15 STATEMENT REGARDING ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS  
16 THAT WERE KILLED LAST WEEK IN SAN BERNARDINO. THIS MORNING I  
17 FOUND OUT THAT A CLOSE FRIEND, ELECTED OFFICIAL IN EL MONTE,  
18 OUR NEW COUNCILMAN JERRY VELASCO, INFORMED US THAT HIS NIECE  
19 WAS ONE OF THE VICTIMS THAT WAS KILLED, MISS VELASCO WHO I  
20 BELIEVE WAS SHOWN IN MANY PUBLICATIONS ALREADY AND IN THE  
21 MEDIA. SO PERSONALLY SPEAKING, I JUST WANT TO SEND MY  
22 CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY AND TO ALL THE OTHER VICTIMS, BUT TO  
23 KNOW THAT IT STRIKES HOME WHEN THINGS LIKE THIS HAPPEN, WHEN  
24 YOU KNOW PEOPLE THAT ARE AFFECTED. SO WITH THAT, THANK YOU,  
25 MEMBERS. AND NOW I WILL ASK THAT WE GO INTO PUBLIC -- I'M



1 SORRY. ONE MORE ITEM. WE HAVE ONE MORE ITEM THAT'S BEEN HELD  
2 BY WAYNE SPINDLER. AND THESE WILL BE BROUGHT UP AT THE SAME  
3 TIME, C.S.-1 AND C.S.-3. AFTERWARDS, HE'LL BE RECOGNIZED FOR  
4 PUBLIC COMMENT.

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6 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** SO ON THE FIRST PART, I NOTICED ON THE AGENDA  
7 WE HAVE A NEW CHAIR AND CONGRATULATIONS ON THAT. AND I LIKE  
8 THE FACT THAT YOU DON'T REFER TO YOURSELF AS MAYOR. YOU REFER  
9 TO YOURSELF AS THE CHAIR OF A BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I THINK  
10 THAT MAKES MORE SENSE THAN THIS "MAYOR." I MEAN, THERE'S NO  
11 MAYOR. IT'S A COUNTY. SO I LIKE THAT. SO IN THESE CLOSED  
12 SESSION ITEMS, WE HAVE ALLEGATIONS IN C.S.-1 REGARDING CIVIL  
13 RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN COUNTY JAIL. WELL, I KIND OF KNOW WHAT  
14 THAT'S LIKE, BECAUSE ON NOVEMBER THE 10TH AT THE L.A. CITY  
15 POLICE COMMISSION MEETING AT 11 A.M., I WAS ARRESTED IN THE  
16 LOBBY FOR ALLEGEDLY ATTEMPTING TO PROVOKE A RIOT AND FAILURE  
17 TO DISBURSE, AND I WAS HELD FOR 13-1/2 HOURS ON A \$5,000 BOND  
18 ON A ONE COUNT OF A MISDEMEANOR. AND I TRIED TO POST THAT  
19 BOND, AND THE L.A. CITY PEOPLE PUT ON MY ARM BAND THAT I WAS  
20 IN THE CUSTODY OF THE LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WHICH  
21 I NEVER SAW A SHERIFF'S DEPUTY. I ONLY SAW L.A.P.D. PERSONNEL,  
22 SO WHEN YOU DO THESE LAWSUITS, SOME OF THESE JAILS MAY HAVE  
23 L.A.P.D. PERSONNEL, SUCH AS THE METROPOLITAN DETENTION CENTER  
24 WHERE I WAS ON FIRST STREET IN NORTH LOS ANGELES STREET NEAR  
25 TEMPLE. AND WHEN YOU CALL TO TRY TO GET A COMMISSIONER TO



1 REVIEW YOUR BOND STATUS, THEY DON'T EVEN CALL YOU BACK. AND  
2 THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE OPEN TILL MIDNIGHT, AND THEY DON'T EVEN  
3 RETURN YOUR PHONE CALLS. AND PEOPLE ARE BEING PUT IN THESE  
4 JAILS, GIVEN PNEUMONIA, AND THEY'RE NOT BEING PROVIDED WITH  
5 SOAP. THEY'RE NOT BEING PROVIDED WITH HOT WATER. THEY'RE BEING  
6 PROVIDED WITH THE EQUIVALENT OF TORTURE. SO YOUR JAILS ARE  
7 ABSOLUTELY IN VIOLATION OF FEDERAL AND STATE LAW. OKAY. NOW ON  
8 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

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10 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** PUBLIC COMMENT, YES. TWO MINUTES. THANK  
11 YOU.

12

13 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** I WENT TO THE L.A. CITY POLICE COMMISSION  
14 MEETING TODAY AND HAD A VERY DIFFICULT TIME ENTERING THE  
15 BUILDING. THEY CLAIMED THERE WERE NO SEATS. BLACK LIVES  
16 MATTERS WAS THERE. THEY WERE NOT ALLOWED TO SIT. FINALLY,  
17 AFTER A HALF AN HOUR OF STRUGGLING, I GOT IN. AND INSIDE, THEY  
18 WERE VERY RUDE AND NASTY TO PUBLIC SPEAKERS INVOLVING FEDERAL  
19 AND STATE CRIMES AGAINST PEOPLE BEING SHOT AND MISTREATED BY  
20 CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BY THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT.  
21 ON THE WAY OUT OF THE CONFERENCE ROOM, IN THE LOBBY OF THE LOS  
22 ANGELES CITY DOWNTOWN HEADQUARTERS, COMMISSIONER VICE  
23 PRESIDENT OF THE L.A.P.D. COMMISSION STEVE SOBEROFF CAME UP TO  
24 ME IN FRONT OF NUMEROUS WITNESSES, POLICE OFFICERS AND  
25 ACTIVISTS AND SAID DIRECTLY TO MY FACE, "YOU ARE THE BIGGEST



1   PIECE OF [EXPLITIVE] I'VE EVER SEEN IN MY LIFE,"  
2   QUOTE/UNQUOTE. AND THAT'S EXACTLY THE LANGUAGE HE USED. HE  
3   THREATENED ME. HE SAID THAT I WAS A DISGRACE, I WAS A DISGRACE  
4   TO MY PARENTS, I WAS A DISGRACE TO HUMANITY. AND HE WALKED OUT  
5   OF THE ROOM GUARDED BY SEVERAL POLICE OFFICERS. AND NO POLICE  
6   OFFICERS STOOD UP AND TOOK ACTION TO SEPARATE HIM, LITERALLY  
7   STANDING IN MY FACE AND SPITTING IN MY FACE AND SAYING THESE  
8   WORDS TO ME. THE L.A. CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ITS  
9   COMMISSION ARE OUT OF CONTROL. THEY ALSO SAID TODAY THAT THEY  
10   HAVE NO RIGHT OR NO JURISDICTION TO REFER CRIMINAL MATTERS TO  
11   JACKIE LACEY'S OFFICE. SO THEY ARE ON THE RECORD AS STATING  
12   THAT VIOLATIONS OF COUNTY LAW, ANY FELONY, THEY WILL NOT  
13   RELATE ANY OF THEIR INFORMATION AND WILL NOT TURN OVER ANY OF  
14   THEIR INFORMATION TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. SO  
15   THEY'RE ON RECORD AS SAYING THAT THEY WILL COVER UP ANY CRIME.  
16   THEY WILL GIVE IT TO MIKE FEUER AND THEY WILL BURY ANY CRIME  
17   BY ANY L.A.P.D. OFFICER. YOU NEED TO GET JACKIE LACEY INTO THE  
18   L.A. CITY DEPARTMENT AND STRAIGHTEN IT OUT. IT'S VERY SERIOUS.

19  
20   **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKERS. I WOULD LIKE TO CALL UP  
21   CHRISTINE RANGEL, ERIC LOPEZ, MARCELA HERNANDEZ AND CANEK  
22   PENA-VARGAS.

23  
24   **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE BOARD AND THANK YOU FOR  
25   ALLOWING ME TO TESTIFY UNDER THE COMMENT PERIOD UNDER TODAY'S



1 AGENDA ITEM NO. 2. AND I DO APOLOGIZE FOR BEING LATE FOR THAT.  
2 THAT'S IN REGARDS TO THE EQUITABLE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
3 PROGRAM. I WANTED TO JUST MAKE SURE THAT MY COMMENTS WERE ON  
4 RECORD. ON BEHALF OF THE BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION, LOS  
5 ANGELES AND VENTURA CHAPTER, WE APPLAUD THE COUNTY FOR ITS  
6 LEADERSHIP AND EFFORTS TOWARD PRODUCING MUCH NEEDED AFFORDABLE  
7 HOUSING. AS WE ALL KNOW, L.A. COUNTY IS IN AN EPIC HOUSING  
8 CRISIS, BUT THIS CRISIS NOT ONLY EXTENDS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING  
9 BUT ALSO TO WORKFORCE HOUSING. IT IS CRITICAL AS WE LOOK  
10 TOWARDS SOLUTIONS TO THIS HOUSING CRISIS THAT WE LOOK AT THE  
11 BROADER SPECTRUM OF APPROACHES TO FUND AND PRODUCE AFFORDABLE  
12 HOUSING THAT DO NOT FURTHER EXACERBATE THE WORKFORCE HOUSING  
13 SHORTAGE THAT HAS LED TO EXORBITANT RENTS AND OWNERSHIP  
14 PRICES. WE MUST DO THREE THINGS: ONE, IDENTIFY BROAD-BASED  
15 PERMANENT FUNDING SOURCES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, TWO, ADOPT A  
16 STRATEGIC APPROACH TOWARD HOUSING PRESERVATION AND PRODUCTION,  
17 AND, THREE, REDUCE THE COST TO PRODUCE HOUSING. WE BELIEVE  
18 THAT A BROAD-BASED APPROACH TO OUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISIS  
19 IS CRITICAL IF WE ARE WITH TO ADDRESS THE PRODUCTION SHORTFALL  
20 THAT HAS PLAGUED THE REGION AND ACHIEVE THE RESULTS THE COUNTY  
21 NEEDS. THEREFORE, WE ASK THAT THE THIRD PARAGRAPH  
22 RECOMMENDATION OF THE MOTION WOULD CONSIDER TO DIRECT THE  
23 DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING TO DEVELOP A MENU OF POTENTIAL OPTIONS  
24 THAT WOULD PROVIDE BROAD-BASED FUNDING AND PROMOTE INCREASED  
25 PRODUCTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING WITHOUT NEGATIVELY IMPACTING



1 THE PRODUCTION AND AFFORDABILITY OF FUTURE WORKFORCE HOUSING.  
2 IN ADDITION, WE WOULD LIKE TO BE PART OF THE AFFORDABLE  
3 HOUSING STEERING COMMITTEE THAT YOU HAVE NAMED IN THE MOTION.  
4 SO PLEASE DO IDENTIFY B.I.A. AS A COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER. MANY  
5 OF THESE STRATEGIES TO ACHIEVE THE COUNTY'S GOAL WITHOUT  
6 NEGATIVELY IMPACTING WORKFORCE AND OTHER TYPES OF HOUSING ARE  
7 LAID OUT IN OUR WHITE PAPER..

8

9 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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11 **SPEAKER:** ..AND WE WOULD LIKE TO SHARE THIS WITH YOU AND THE  
12 OFFICE OF REGIONAL PLANNING. THANK YOU.

13

14 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** BY THE WAY, THE B.I.A. HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AND  
17 ADDED ON TO THE MOTION.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE APPRECIATE THAT.

20

21 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **ERIC LOPEZ:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ERIC LOPEZ. I LIVE IN  
24 BOYLE HEIGHTS, AND I REPRESENT C.A.L.O. YOUTHBUILD. I'M HERE  
25 TO REMIND YOU ABOUT THE NEED FOR CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT OF THE



1 L.A. SHERIFFS. WHY DO WE NEED OVERSIGHT? BECAUSE OF THE RECENT  
2 18 SHERIFFS INVOLVED IN SHOOTINGS THAT RESULTED IN TRAGIC  
3 DEATHS. I'M FRUSTRATED THAT SO MANY OF THESE ABUSES DO NOT  
4 RESULT IN REMOVING THE OFFICERS RESPONSIBLE. WE ARE NOT ASKING  
5 FOR CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT. WE ARE DEMANDING IT. TO ENSURE SAFETY  
6 FOR OUR SOCIETY AND FUTURE GENERATIONS, TO ACHIEVE EFFECTIVE  
7 OVERSIGHT, WE NEED YOU TO ACT NOW. THANK YOU.

8

9 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

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11 **CANEK PE A-VARGAS:** HI. MY NAME IS CANEK PE A-VARGAS. I'M A  
12 RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY AND REPRESENT C.A.L.O. YOUTHBUILD.  
13 LIKE ERIC, I'M HERE TODAY, WELL, FIRST TO APPRECIATE THE BOARD  
14 FOR A LOT OF THE MOMENTUM MOVING FORWARD WITH EFFECTIVE  
15 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSITION 47 AND REENTRY PROGRAMS BUT  
16 ALSO TO REMIND THE BOARD OF THE NECESSITY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH  
17 THE WITH THE CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD OF THE L.A. SHERIFF'S  
18 DEPARTMENT. I REMEMBER BEING HERE A YEAR AGO AND CELEBRATING  
19 THAT VICTORY AND IT FELT LIKE WE HAD A LOT OF MOMENTUM MOVING  
20 TOWARDS SOME PRODUCTIVE SOLUTIONS, AND WAS ALSO REALLY  
21 HEARTENED TO SEE THAT THE COMMITTEE, THE COUNTY COMMITTEE TO  
22 FORM AND CREATE A PROPOSAL FOR THAT COMMISSION, BACKED THREE  
23 OF THE FIVE DEMANDS THAT DIGNITY AND POWER NOW AND C.A.L.O.  
24 HAD BEEN PROPOSING, INCLUDING CHANGING THE COUNTY CHARTER TO  
25 ALLOW THE COMMISSION TO HAVE SUBPOENA POWER, TO RESTRICT





1 CURRENT LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FORMER SHERIFFS FROM SERVING ON  
2 THE BOARD, AND TO MAKE SURE THAT THE COMMISSION GUIDES THE  
3 WORK OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL. AGAIN, I FEEL THAT IT'S  
4 DEFINITELY IMPORTANT THAT THIS BOARD HAVE SUBPOENA POWER IN  
5 ORDER FOR IT TO DO ITS JOB EFFECTIVELY. I THINK THAT THAT NEED  
6 CAN BE NOTED BY LOOKING AT THE WAY THAT OTHER COMMISSIONS  
7 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY HAVE EITHER BEEN EFFECTIVE OR HAVE BEEN  
8 KEPT FROM IMPLEMENTING THEIR MISSION EFFECTIVELY. SO WITH THAT  
9 BEING SAID -- OH, I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE MIGHT BE A VOTE  
10 NEXT WEEK FOR -- IN SUPPORT OF AN M.O.U., AND I JUST WANT TO  
11 REITERATE THAT THOUGH AN M.O.U. MIGHT BE HELPFUL AND  
12 EFFECTIVE, WE DO NOT WANT THAT IN LIEU OF SUBPOENA POWER FOR  
13 THE REVIEW BOARD. THANK YOU.

14  
15 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO CALL UP DAYVON  
16 WILLIAMS, PASTOR CUE, TANISHA DENARD, AND DIANA ZUNIGA.

17  
18 **TANISHA DENARD:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS TANISHA DENARD WITH  
19 THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I WANT TO ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THE  
20 ONE YEAR SINCE OVERSIGHT WAS TALKED ABOUT AND WHY THE YOUTH  
21 JUSTICE COALITION DOES COMMUNITY OUTREACH AT COUNTY JAILS  
22 EVERY SUNDAY AND WE'VE BEEN GETTING A LOT OF COMPLAINTS FROM  
23 EITHER VISITORS OR PEOPLE THAT ARE GETTING RELEASED FROM JAIL.  
24 AND THOSE ARE JUST SOME OF THE ISSUES WHY WE ARE URGING YOU  
25 GUYS TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT AND ALSO URGE



1 YOU TO REVIEW THE DOCUMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS THAT OUR  
2 ORGANIZATIONS HAVE PRESENTED TO YOU GUYS SO THAT WE CAN MOVE  
3 FORWARD WITH THE REAL LIFE STRATEGY AND ACCOUNTABILITY,  
4 BECAUSE, LIKE I WAS SAYING, WE GET COMPLAINTS EVERY WEEKEND  
5 FROM COUNTY FAMILY MEMBERS AND STUFF LIKE THAT. AND A LOT OF  
6 PEOPLE AREN'T REPORTING IT, OF COURSE, TO THE SHERIFF, BECAUSE  
7 THEY'RE THE ONES THAT'S DOING IT. YOU KNOW, IT'S KIND OF LIKE  
8 ME HAVING A FAMILY, MY FAMILY DOES SOMETHING TO SOMEBODY AND  
9 THEY COME AND TELL ME AND I'M SUPPOSED TO HOLD MY COUSIN  
10 ACCOUNTABLE, KNOWING THAT THEY CAN GO TO JAIL OR WHATEVER. SO,  
11 THAT DOESN'T REALLY WORK. SO, AGAIN, I WOULD JUST URGE YOU  
12 GUYS TO REALLY LOOK INTO THIS CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT AND  
13 RECOMMENDATIONS. THANK YOU.

14  
15 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER.

16  
17 **DIANA ZUNIGA:** MY NAME IS DIANA ZUNIGA WITH C.U.R.B. AND I WANT  
18 TO JUST TAKE IT BACK A LITTLE BIT. I THINK ME, DIGNITY AND  
19 POWER NOW, SEVERAL OF US HAVE BEEN HERE CONSISTENTLY FOR THE  
20 PAST THREE YEARS TRYING TO MOVE A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT  
21 COMMISSION FURTHER AND FURTHER. ABOUT A YEAR AGO, WE ALL  
22 CELEBRATED WITH MOST OF YOU, ALL OF YOU, AND WE'RE REALLY  
23 EXCITED ABOUT THE MOVEMENT FORWARD. BUT NOW, A YEAR LATER, WE  
24 DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO SHOW FOR IT. AND I THINK THAT WE'RE  
25 HERE TODAY REALLY JUST ASKING YOU ALL, IN THE MIDST OF MOVING



1 FORWARD ON THE \$2 BILLION JAIL PLAN, WE REALLY NEED TO COMMIT  
2 TO AN ADEQUATE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. WE CONTINUE TO  
3 HEAR ISSUES THAT ARE HAPPENING INSIDE OF THE WOMEN'S JAIL. AND  
4 AS THE BOARD HAS DECIDED TO MOVE FORWARD ON THE PROPOSAL OF  
5 THE NEW WOMEN'S JAIL, HOW CAN WE MOVE FORWARD ON SOMETHING  
6 LIKE THAT WE'RE NOT ADEQUATELY ADDRESSING WHAT'S HAPPENING  
7 CURRENTLY, ESPECIALLY AROUND WOMEN INCARCERATED? I KNOW ALL OF  
8 YOU HAVE ALREADY SEEN THE REPORT THAT WE RELEASED WITH DIGNITY  
9 AND POWER NOW AROUND THE HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES THAT ARE  
10 HAPPENING INSIDE OF THE CURRENT WOMEN'S JAIL. AND WE'RE ASKING  
11 YOU TO REALLY STAND WITH US AND MOVE THIS THING FORWARD  
12 QUICKLY. WE WAITED A LONG TIME. WE'VE WAITED THREE YEARS.  
13 WE'VE CELEBRATED THIS VICTORY FOR A YEAR. AND NOW WE'RE HERE  
14 REALLY ASKING TO DO THIS. A CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD WITH  
15 SUBPOENA POWER, PLEASE. WE NEED IT. THANK YOU.

16  
17 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

18  
19 **PASTOR CUE:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS PASTOR CUE. I'M WITH THE  
20 BLACK-JEWISH JUSTICE ALLIANCE. WE'RE ATTEMPTING TO UNDO MASS  
21 INCARCERATION. AND I WANT TO COMMEND THE BOARD FOR THE WORK  
22 THAT YOU'VE DONE WITH PROP 47. THAT SAID, IN THE SCRIPTURES,  
23 IT SAYS, "BE NOT WEARY IN WELL-DOING." AND SO I'M HERE TO  
24 ADMONISH YOU TO BE NOT WEARY IN WELL-DOING. WE'VE HAD A VOTE,  
25 AND IT WAS A YEAR AGO. AND THE ISSUE IS STILL FRESH IN OUR



1 COMMUNITIES. THE ISSUE IS NOT GOING AWAY. AND WE ARE NOT GOING  
2 TO GO AWAY UNTIL WE HAVE A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT BOARD. FOR TOO  
3 LONG, WE'VE OPERATED WITHOUT ACCOUNTABILITY. AND WE BELIEVE  
4 THAT ACCOUNTABILITY'S ESSENTIAL FOR PUBLIC SAFETY. YOU HAVE TO  
5 REIMAGINE PUBLIC SAFETY. ACCOUNTABILITY HAS TO BE AN IMPORTANT  
6 PART OF THAT. ALL THE WORK THAT WE'VE DONE AND THE WORK THAT  
7 YOU'VE DONE IS GREAT. BUT WITHOUT ACCOUNTABILITY, IT'S GOING  
8 TO FALL SHORT. THANK YOU.

9

10 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO CALL UP MARK-  
11 ANTHONY JOHNSON, GUADALUPE CHAVEZ, STEVEN ROGERS, MATTHEW  
12 SCHAUPP.

13

14 **MARK-ANTHONY JOHNSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS, MARK-  
15 ANTHONY JOHNSON WITH DIGNITY AND POWER NOW. JUST TO REITERATE  
16 THE GRATITUDE FOR THIS BOARD WHICH MOVED CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT  
17 FORWARD LAST YEAR. 364 DAYS SINCE THEN. WE ARE HERE TO BE IN  
18 THE SPIRIT OF THAT MOMENTUM. I KNOW THAT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
19 THOMAS, YOU'VE BEEN MOVING FORWARD ON THE IDEA OF AN M.O.A.  
20 AND WORKING WITH OTHER FOLKS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, INCLUDING  
21 THE OTHER SUPERVISORS, AROUND HOW WE CAN UNLOCK THIS PROCESS  
22 AND MOVE IT FORWARD. I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT. AND I WANT TO  
23 COMMEND THAT EFFORT. AT THE SAME TIME, I DON'T WANT TO LOSE  
24 SIGHT OF WHAT THE COMMUNITY HAS BEEN PUSHING FOR. I THINK WE  
25 SPENT SIX MONTHS MOBILIZING THE COUNTY AROUND WHAT DEMANDS ARE



1 REALLY IMPORTANT TO LONG-TERM EFFECTIVE OVERSIGHT, OVERSIGHT  
2 THAT OUTLIVED THIS MOMENT OF REFORM AND WOULD REALLY OUTLIVE  
3 WHAT IS BEING LOOKED AT AS THE HONEYMOON ERA WITH OUR NEW  
4 SHERIFF. HE'S BEEN HERE FOR A YEAR. HE'S MADE SOME IMPORTANT  
5 MOVES. HOWEVER, WE WANT SOMETHING TO OUTLAST HIM. I KNOW THE  
6 QUESTION OF SUBPOENA POWER MAKES SOME FOLKS NERVOUS. HOWEVER,  
7 IF WE LOOK AT OTHER EFFECTIVE AGENCIES AROUND THE COUNTRY, NEW  
8 YORK BEING ONE OF THEM, SUBPOENA POWER IS QUITE USEFUL FOR  
9 THEM. IN FACT, IT'S SOMETHING THEY USE ALMOST DAILY TO GET AT  
10 INFORMATION, NOT JUST FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUT ALSO  
11 THIRD PARTIES, AND IT'S BEEN HELPFUL IN SUBSTANTIATING  
12 REPORTS. LASTLY, I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT PART OF OUR CONCERN  
13 LOOKING AT THE OPEN DATA SYSTEM THAT THE SHERIFFS HAVE PUT  
14 OUT, LOOKING AT OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS, BETWEEN 2010 AND  
15 2015, A COUPLE HUNDRED OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS, NONE OF  
16 THEM, ACCORDING TO THE SHERIFF'S DATA, INVOLVES UNARMED  
17 PEOPLE. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO L.A. TIMES, ACCORDING TO "THE  
18 GUARDIAN," THERE HAVE BEEN AT LEAST 18 SHOOTINGS OF UNARMED  
19 PEOPLE THIS YEAR. THOSE TYPE OF DISCREPANCIES MAKE US LOSE  
20 FAITH IN COOPERATION ALONE AS THE SOLUTION TO ACCOUNTABILITY.

21  
22 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER?

23  
24 **STEVE ROGERS:** I'M STEVE ROGERS WITH DIGNITY AND POWER NOW. WE  
25 WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT ISSUE. WELCOME



1 TO THE NEW CHAIR. YOU KNOW, WHEN TRADITION AND RITUAL BECOMES  
2 ANTIQUATED AND IT'S OUTLASTED ITS USEFULNESS, THINGS CHANGE.  
3 15 MONTHS AGO, THIS BOARD AGREED THAT THERE SHOULD NOT BE A  
4 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT IN THE CITY, IN THIS COUNTY. 12 MONTHS AGO,  
5 THINGS CHANGED. NEW PEOPLE CAME ON. IT WAS TIME FOR A BREATH  
6 OF SOMETHING NEW. WHAT WE WERE DOING WASN'T WORKING. SO, NOW  
7 WE HAVE A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION IDEA GOING FORWARD.  
8 BUT IT'S BEEN A YEAR, AND THAT STILL HASN'T STARTED YET. WE  
9 HAVE A NEW SHERIFF. A LOT OF CHANGES HAPPENED IN L.A. COUNTY  
10 IN THE LAST YEAR OR SO. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE SHERIFF'S  
11 DEPARTMENT WANTS THEIR PRIVACY. BUT THEY ARE A PUBLIC ENTITY  
12 AND THEY DO DEAL WITH THE PUBLIC A LOT AND THE PUBLIC IS  
13 COMING TO A DAY WHERE PEOPLE ARE AFRAID OF LAW ENFORCEMENT  
14 THAN THEY ARE THE BAD GUY IN THE DARKNESS. THERE WERE SIX  
15 MONTHS OF WORKING GROUP MEETINGS WHERE THE WORKING GROUP MET  
16 WITH THE PUBLIC, WHERE THEY HAD TOWNHALL MEETINGS, WHERE THEY  
17 POLLED PEOPLE TO FIND OUT WHAT KIND OF LEVEL THERE WAS OF  
18 TRUST WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT, IF THEY WERE DOING THEIR JOB AS  
19 FAR AS LOOKING INTO THE INCIDENTS THAT HAPPENED THROUGH THE  
20 DEPUTIES IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND THE PEOPLE SAID, AND  
21 OVER 80 PERCENT, THAT THEY WANTED SUBPOENA POWER, THAT THEY  
22 WANTED TO KNOW LAW ENFORCEMENT, THEY WANTED A COMMUNITY VOICE  
23 ON THIS COMMISSION. THE WORKING GROUP VOTED IN FAVOR OF ALL  
24 THOSE THINGS. SO IN THE NEAR FUTURE, YOU GUYS ARE GOING TO SIT  
25 DOWN AND WORK ON HOW THIS COMMISSION IS GOING TO LOOK AND HOW



1 IT'S GOING TO WORK. WE JUST ASK YOU TO REMEMBER WHAT THE  
2 COMMUNITY HAS SAID, REMEMBER WHAT YOU'VE HEARD, AND UNDERSTAND  
3 THAT THIS NEEDS TO BE SOMETHING EFFECTIVE SO THAT WE CAN BE  
4 PROUD OF OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THANK YOU.

5

6 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'D ALSO LIKE TO CALL UP JOSE  
7 MARTINEZ, RABBI JONATHAN KLEIN, GREG AKILI, AND ARNOLD SACHS.  
8 YES, SIR, PLEASE.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, AND JUST REAL QUICK BEFORE I  
11 BEGIN ON WHAT I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT, WHICH IS METH, I WOULD  
12 LIKE TO SAY, AS A CITIZEN OF POMONA, THANK YOU FOR SENDING THE  
13 PHILHARMONIC THERE. I CAN SAY IT WAS AN ABSOLUTE SUCCESS. NOT  
14 TO DETRACT FROM THE SEVERITY OF WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT,  
15 V.O.X., O.X.Y., VICE NEWS HAVE ALL RECENTLY REPORTED THAT METH  
16 HAS BECOME THE NUMBER-ONE DRUG IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND I  
17 BELIEVE THAT ONE OF THE SOLUTIONS THAT WE SHOULD BE LOOKING  
18 FOR IS SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN PASSED IN NOT ONLY OREGON BUT  
19 ALSO MISSISSIPPI AND COUNTIES, SPECIFICALLY KIRKSVILLE COUNTY,  
20 THAT IS TO REQUIRE A PRESCRIPTION FOR PSEUDOEPHEDRIN-BASED  
21 MEDICATIONS, WHICH ARE THE ACTIVE INGREDIENT IN DOMESTICALLY  
22 MADE METH PRODUCTS. AND I WOULD SUGGEST THAT BOTH L.A. AND SAN  
23 BERNARDINO COUNTY COORDINATES SOME SORT OF PSEUDOEPHEDRIN  
24 PRESCRIPTION PROGRAM SO AS TO LIMIT THE AMOUNTS OF  
25 NONDOMESTICALLY MADE METHAMPHETAMINES TO BE ALLOWED TO ENTER



1 L.A. COUNTY. AND I SUGGEST THIS AT THE COUNTY LEVEL, BECAUSE  
2 WHEREAS THE STATE LEGISLATURE IN CALIFORNIA WOULD BE MORE  
3 LIKELY TO BE LOBBIED OR PERSUADED BY BIG PHARMA, WE AT THE  
4 COUNTY LEVEL ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE ABLE TO TAKE THE FIGHT  
5 DIRECTLY TO DOMESTIC MASS PRODUCTION. AND THE STUDIES THAT I  
6 WOULD LIKE TO CITE ARE BASED IN KIRKSVILLE, COUNTY, MISSOURI,  
7 WHICH WAS ABLE TO REDUCE ITS DOMESTICALLY MADE METH PRODUCTION  
8 BY MORE THAN 50 PERCENT, WHEREAS THE REST OF THE STATE DID  
9 INCREASE. AND MORE THAN 20 CITIES HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PASS THIS  
10 SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WAS ESSENTIALLY ABLE TO ERADICATE  
11 DOMESTICALLY MADE METH IN OREGON AND MISSISSIPPI. WHEREAS THE  
12 D.E.A. AND LAW ENFORCEMENT SPENT AN ESTIMATED \$5-\$7 BILLION  
13 TRYING TO CLEAN UP DOMESTICALLY MADE METH PRODUCTS, I BELIEVE  
14 THIS SORT OF LEGISLATION WILL BE ABLE TO ALLOW FOR MORE  
15 RESOURCES TO BE USED SOLELY ON LIMITING THE AMOUNT OF METH  
16 THAT IS BROUGHT INTO L.A. COUNTY, RATHER THAN TRYING TO CLEAN  
17 IT UP WHILE IT'S BEING CREATED ALONGSIDE US. I BELIEVE THAT  
18 THIS WILL HELP L.A. AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY AND HOPEFULLY,  
19 EVENTUALLY THE ENTIRE STATE.

20  
21 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

22  
23 **RABBI JONATHAN KLEIN:** HI, MY NAME IS RABBI JONATHAN KLEIN,  
24 FROM C.L.U.E., CLERGY AND LAITY FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE, AND I  
25 COME NOT JUST IN WITH MY OWN REMARKS BUT REALLY WITH THE





1 COMMITMENT OF 25 BLACK AND JEWISH LEADERS AS PART OF THE  
2 BLACK-JEWISH JUSTICE ALLIANCE THAT ARE REALLY ASKING THAT --  
3 REALLY DEMANDING THAT SINCE DECEMBER 9TH -- AND WE SENT A  
4 LETTER TO EACH OF YOUR SUPERVISORIAL OFFICES -- IT WAS  
5 DECEMBER 9TH, AS SOME OF US HAVE ALREADY SAID, 364 DAYS AGO  
6 WHEN WE WERE HERE CELEBRATING THE VICTORY THAT WE WERE MOVING  
7 FORWARD WITH CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT. THAT'S A LONG TIME AGO  
8 WITHOUT ANY SENSE, IN A PUBLIC WAY, THAT WE'RE REALLY MOVING  
9 FORWARD. AND I KNOW THERE'S DISCUSSIONS ABOUT AN M.O.A. MOVING  
10 FORWARD. BUT WE HAVEN'T ACTUALLY SEEN THAT. THERE'S BEEN NO  
11 DISCUSSION WITH THE COMMUNITY ABOUT WHAT THAT WOULD LOOK LIKE.  
12 WE'RE DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT THIS PROCESS HAS BEEN DELAYED. AND  
13 AS MARTIN LUTHER KING, OF COURSE, SAID, "JUSTICE DELAYED IS  
14 JUSTICE DENIED." IF WE WAIT MUCH LONGER, THEN I UNDERSTAND  
15 THAT THERE'S AN M.O.A. THAT PEOPLE ARE CONSIDERING MOVING  
16 FORWARD, BUT IF WE WAIT MUCH LONGER, THERE WILL BE NO TRACK  
17 RECORD TO KNOW WHETHER THAT M.O.A. IS EFFECTIVE IN INSURING  
18 THAT THERE BE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT. AND THEN WHAT THAT MEANS IS  
19 THAT IF WE WANTED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH PUSHING FOR SUBPOENA  
20 POWER, WHICH I THINK IS WHAT THE COALITION WAS ASKING FOR  
21 INITIALLY AND HAS BEEN ASKING FOR, THEN WE'RE ONLY LOOKING AT  
22 A VERY SHORT WINDOW TO MOVE THAT FORWARD, BECAUSE AS I  
23 UNDERSTAND IT, FOR THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PUT AN ITEM ON  
24 THE BALLOT, A CHARTER AMENDMENT, IT NEEDS TO BE DONE BY  
25 AUGUST. WHAT KIND OF TRACK RECORD WILL WE BE ABLE TO SEE? HOW



1 QUICKLY WILL COMMISSIONERS BE APPOINTED? AND HOW MANY CASES  
2 WILL THEY ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO LOOK AT? WE'RE DEEPLY CONCERNED.  
3 AND WE REALLY WANT THIS ON THE AGENDA AT THE FIRST POSSIBLE  
4 MOMENT. AND I THINK THAT'S NEXT WEEK. THANK YOU.

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6 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

7

8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.  
9 AND IT'S SOMEWHAT FASCINATING TO HEAR SOME OF THE COMMENTARY,  
10 PUBLIC COMMENT, THE CITIZENS COMMISSION. SUPERVISOR MOLINA  
11 DISCUSSED THE SUBPOENA POWER THAT SHE COULDN'T GET INFORMATION  
12 FROM THE COUNTY COUNSEL REGARDING A SHOOTING, AN OFFICER WHO  
13 HAD SHOT 7 PEOPLE IN HER DISTRICT. AND MAX HUNTSMAN, WHAT WAS  
14 HER QUOTE, WAS, "GOOD LUCK TO MR. HUNTSMAN ABOUT GETTING  
15 INFORMATION FROM THE SHERIFF." THAT'S LIKE ALMOST TWO YEARS  
16 AGO. SO WHAT IMPROVEMENT HAS BEEN MADE? THE HOUSING  
17 DISCUSSIONS THAT WE HEARD EARLIER, SOMEBODY MENTIONED  
18 REDEVELOPMENT, THE LOSS OF REDEVELOPMENT FUNDING. WELL,  
19 REDEVELOPMENT HAD A PROGRAM THAT WAS GOING TO PROVIDE FOR  
20 AFFORDABLE HOUSING. SO, THE INFORMATION THAT YOU NEED TO COME  
21 BACK BEFORE THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: WHY DON'T YOU  
22 JUST OPEN UP THE BOOKS ON REDEVELOPMENT AND LOOK AT WHAT  
23 HAPPENED WITH THAT WONDERFUL PROGRAM, ALL THE AFFORDABLE  
24 HOUSING THAT IT CREATED, AND BUILD ON THAT PROGRAM. ALL YOU  
25 NEED TO DO IS COME UP WITH THE MONEY. THAT'S NOT A BIG DEAL. I



1 MEAN, YOU HAVE THE FOUNDATION IN EFFECT. GO WITH  
2 REDEVELOPMENT. IT CREATED TONS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. OH,  
3 WAIT, NO IT DIDN'T. CHICAGO, YOU MIGHT HAVE READ IN THE  
4 NEWSPAPER, THEY JUST FIRED A POLICE COMMISSIONER, AN INCIDENT  
5 WITH 16 SHOTS. TWO WEEKS AGO, THE COUNTY SETTLED A SHERIFF'S  
6 INCIDENT, 66 SHOTS. WHERE ARE THE CAMERAS, BY THE WAY? WHEN  
7 ARE THEY COMING BACK BEFORE THE COUNTY? WANT A DISCUSSION ON  
8 CAMERAS FOR THE SHERIFFS. WHO NEGOTIATES? THAT WOULD BE YOU.  
9 YOU NEGOTIATE FOR THOSE KIND OF THINGS WITH THE SHERIFF'S  
10 DEPARTMENT. THE SHERIFF HIMSELF HAS NO WORD IN THAT  
11 NEGOTIATION. HE DEALS WITH THE FALLOUT FROM THE COUNTY. GET  
12 THE PROGRAM RIGHT.

13  
14 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MEMBERS, I KNOW WE'VE  
15 HEARD A LOT OF DISCUSSION WITH RESPECT TO THE CIVILIAN  
16 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, WHICH FOR MANY OF US IS A VERY HIGH  
17 PRIORITY, THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. AND I WANT TO BE  
18 RESPECTFUL OF THE INDIVIDUALS THAT STAYED THIS LONG TO COME  
19 FORWARD AND PRESENT THEIR THOUGHTS AND IDEAS. AND, BELIEVE ME,  
20 FOLKS ARE LISTENING. BUT I DO WANT TO SAY THAT THIS ITEM WILL  
21 BE BROUGHT UP TO THE BOARD, I BELIEVE AS EARLY AS IN A FEW  
22 WEEKS. AND WE'VE ALSO ENCOURAGED OUR C.E.O. TO CONSIDER THIS  
23 AS A PRIORITY AS SHE BEGINS HER OWN BUDGET DELIBERATIONS FOR  
24 2016 AND 2017. SO, THE WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS, WE KNOW  
25 ALL OF THAT, THE STAFFING OF THE COMMISSION ARE VERY IMPORTANT



1 TOOLS, AND I JUST WANT THE GROUPS TO RECOGNIZE THAT, THAT  
2 FOLKS ARE LISTENING. THE PROGRESS, MANY TIMES, IN OUR  
3 BUREAUCRACIES IS SLOW. BUT KEEP MINDFUL THAT YOU HAVE ALSO NEW  
4 VOICES ON THE BOARD, AND WE ARE MOVING THE PROCESS ALONG. I  
5 JUST WANT TO, OUT OF RESPECT, TELL YOU THAT. THANK YOU. OTHER  
6 PUBLIC TESTIMONY? RED CHIEF HUNT. JOHN WALSH. ERIC PREVEN.  
7 MICHAEL PITKIN. AND ARYEH COHEN AND EDDIE SANCHEZ. YES, SIR.

8

9 **RED CHIEF HUNT:** THANK YOU. AGAIN, THE RED CHIEF HUNT IS ON THE  
10 RECORD. I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU GUYS AGAIN, THE GREAT AMOUNT  
11 OF RESPECT OUT HERE. WHEN I COME IN HERE, I ACTUALLY WANT TO  
12 GET THINGS DONE. MY PRIMARY GOAL IS TO TALK TO THE PUBLIC  
13 DEFENDER RONALD BROWN. THERE'S A LOT OF PROBLEMS THAT'S GOING  
14 ON THAT I NEED TO ADDRESS WITH HIM. THIS IS AN ONGOING  
15 SITUATION. I'M TRYING TO RESPECT YOU GUYS TO THE FULLEST. BUT  
16 ON THE OTHER HAND, I AM PROTECTED BY THE SUPREME COURT. IT'S  
17 CALLED BRANDENBURG V. OHIO WHEN I COME IN HERE IN MY GARB. ONE  
18 OF THE CAPTAINS ASKED ME TO TAKE OFF MY HAT. SHE NEEDS TO READ  
19 THE CITATION, BRANDENBURG VERSUS OHIO, PROTECTED BY THE  
20 SUPREME COURT IN THE EARLY 40S AND THINGS LIKE THAT. ANOTHER  
21 THING IS, LIKE I SAID, YOU KNOW, THIS IS PROBABLY ONE OF MY  
22 FAVORITE AGENCIES OF THE COUNTY. SO, IN RETROSPECT, IF YOU  
23 GUYS BRING ME RON BROWN, YOU KNOW, I DON'T NEED TO BE HERE AND  
24 I NEED TO SEE THE PUBLIC DEFENDER RON BROWN AND THE CITY'S  
25 CAUSING ALL THESE BODY ACHES FOR THE COUNTY. I GOT A TRUE



1 AGENDA. I GOT A TRUE GOAL TO GET OUT OF HERE AND TO GET THINGS  
2 ACCOMPLISHED. I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO GET THINGS  
3 ACCOMPLISHED. I AM ONE OF THE NINE CIRCUIT WINNERS WHO HAVE  
4 DONE THIS PAPERWORK ITSELF, HUNT V. THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES.  
5 THEN IN 2011, I CAME BACK AND WON IN FREE SPEECH AGAIN, HUNT  
6 V. LOS ANGELES, TO BE ABLE TO WEAR MY GARB AND THINGS LIKE  
7 THAT IN THE PUBLIC IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES OR ACROSS THE  
8 UNITED STATES. SO, IF YOU GUYS TRULY RESPECT YOURSELVES, YOU  
9 RESPECT ME. I AM ONE OF THE ONLY NINE CIRCUIT WINNERS WHO HAVE  
10 DONE THE PAPERWORK ITSELF AND ACTUALLY WON IN FEDERAL COURT,  
11 THE HONORABLE DEAN PREGERSON.

12  
13 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SIR, LET ME JUST SIMPLY SUGGEST SOMETHING  
16 TO YOU. EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT EVERYONE HAS FIRST AMENDMENT  
17 RIGHTS. BUT THERE'S A CERTAIN CONTEXT IN WHICH THOSE ARE  
18 TESTED. YOU ARE OUT OF ORDER. SERGEANTS, WOULD YOU HAVE HIM TO  
19 KEEP HIS SEAT? MY COMMENTS TO YOU IS AS FOLLOWS. YOU OBVIOUSLY  
20 HAVE THE RIGHT TO EXPRESS YOUR OPINION. BUT TO APPEAR IN THIS  
21 CONTEXT IN A HOOD AND ALL OF WHAT THAT REPRESENTS SETS SOME OF  
22 OUR TEETH ON EDGE. FOR YOU TO NEGOTIATE GIVING UP A DEPARTMENT  
23 HEAD IN EXCHANGE FOR ESSENTIALLY DISROBING IS PROBABLY NOT THE  
24 MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO GET THE ATTENTION OF ANY GIVEN  
25 DEPARTMENT HEAD. IF THERE'S A LEGITIMATE CLAIM, SOME OF US



1 WOULD BE INCLINED TO RESPOND TO THAT ACCORDINGLY. THE  
2 ADDITIONAL REMARK THAT I WISH TO MAKE TO YOU, GIVEN THE  
3 CONTEXT AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH WE CURRENTLY OPERATE,  
4 WHERE PEOPLE ARE COMMITTING ACTS OF VIOLENCE IN AN  
5 EXTRAORDINARY WAY, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT YOU WOULD WANT TO  
6 TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE TIMES IN WHICH WE LIVE AND THE  
7 CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH WE LIVE. AND THAT WOULD BE JUST A  
8 SIMPLE AND RESPECTFUL REQUEST OF YOU, SIR. THANK YOU.

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10 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. APPRECIATE IT.

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14 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKYA, NEXT SPEAKER.

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16 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH, BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. 58  
17 PERCENT OF ALL HATE CRIMES ARE NOT AGAINST MUSLIMS. THEY'RE  
18 AGAINST JEWS. WE HAVE AN ALL-GENTILE SUPERVISOR. AND WHAT DOES  
19 THIS BOARD JUST DO? YOU JUST VOTED TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF  
20 ANTI-SEMITES COMING TO AMERICA. I LIVED FOR ONE YEAR IN SAUDI  
21 ARABIA, AND I ASK ANY MUSLIM IN AMERICA OR THE WORLD: YOU ARE  
22 TAUGHT TO HATE JEWS AND TO DESPISE JEWS AND TO DESTROY ISRAEL.  
23 YOU SCUMBAG, MISS SHEILA KUEHL, YOU ANTI-SEMITIC --

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1   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** LISTEN, YOU [EXPLITIVE]! I AM A JEW! MY  
2   MOTHER WAS A JEW! AND IF YOU SAY THAT AGAIN, I WILL SHOUT THE  
3   ENTIRE TIME YOU ARE TALKING! THANK YOU.

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5   **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WANT ORDER IN HERE, AND I WOULD --  
6   SHERIFF, WILL YOU PLEASE CONTAIN THE GENTLEMAN AND PLEASE  
7   REMOVE HIM?

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9   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** PLEASE.

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11   **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** HE IS OFFENSIVE.

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13   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AND TRUTH IS A DEFENSE.

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15   **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NO YOU DON'T, SIR. [SHOUTING.]

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17   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** LET HIM START OVER. NO, NO, NO, SHERIFF. NO  
18   NEED TO GO ANYWHERE NEAR HIM. THIS IS ALL FINE. HE'S RIGHT. HE  
19   HAS THE FLOOR. START HIS TIME OVER, BECAUSE I TOOK HIS TIME.

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21   **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SIR, SIR, PLEASE.

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23   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** JOHN, WE'RE STARTING YOUR TIME OVER. YOU  
24   CAN TAKE AS MUCH TIME WITHIN THAT TWO MINUTES AS YOU LIKE.

25   [CONTINUED SHOUTING OFF MICROPHONE.]



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2 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND THE AUDIENCE THAT  
3 IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR BEHAVIOR BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE  
4 PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR ABILITY TO REMAIN ENGAGED OR  
5 PARTICIPATE IN THIS PUBLIC MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY THE  
6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF. THAT IS YOUR RIGHT AS  
7 AN INDIVIDUAL ATTENDING OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, IF I MAY, IF ANY WITNESS  
10 COMES AND ASSAULTS VERBALLY IN A WAY THAT HAS TO BE CONSIDERED  
11 VITRIOLIC, ANY MEMBER OF THIS BOARD, I THINK IT'S WHOLLY  
12 APPROPRIATE THAT WE ASK THAT THE SERGEANTS REMOVE THEM FROM  
13 THE PREMISES. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IT IS PERFECTLY REASONABLE  
14 TO HAVE ORDER IN THE BOARDROOM. AND, MADAME CHAIR, I THINK THE  
15 STATEMENT YOU READ JUST NOW WAS READ EARLIER. SO, THAT MEANS  
16 IT WAS READ TWICE TODAY. TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT IS THE CASE,  
17 NO ONE CAN CLAIM IGNORANCE. IF YOU ASSAULT A MEMBER OF THIS  
18 BOARD VERBALLY WITH REFERENCES THAT ARE ETHNIC IN NATURE, IT  
19 WOULD BE MY VIEW THAT YOU ARE EFFECTIVELY FORFEITING YOUR  
20 RIGHT TO BE HEARD IN THESE BOARD PROCEEDINGS. AND I WILL THEN  
21 ASK THE CHAIR IF SHE WILL ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO HAVE YOU  
22 ESCORTED FROM THESE PREMISES.

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24 **SUP. KNABE:** SECOND. MADAME CHAIR, IF I COULD JUST ADD TO WHAT  
25 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, IN ALL DUE RESPECT, SHEILA, YOU WERE





1 VERY PATIENT AND UNDERSTANDING, AND BY AUTHORIZING HIM TO  
2 CONTINUE TO SPEAK, BUT AS A MEMBER OF THIS BOARD, I WAS  
3 OFFENDED, AS WELL, TOO. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO REASON OR RIGHT  
4 FOR US TO SIT HERE AND HAVE TO TAKE THAT KIND OF VILE  
5 LANGUAGE. AND I JUST THINK IT SHOULD BE REMOVED. TO BE  
6 PERSONALLY ATTACKED, VILELY ATTACKED LIKE THAT IS JUST TOTALLY  
7 OUT OF ORDER.

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9 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE. I'D LIKE OUR  
10 COUNTY COUNSEL TO OPINE.

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12 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. THE LAW DOES  
13 ALLOW FOR REMOVAL WHEN THERE IS DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT IN THE  
14 BOARDROOM. AND THE STANDARD IS WHETHER THE MEMBERS SITTING IN  
15 THE AUDIENCE HAVE BEEN DISRUPTED. WE READ THAT AT THE  
16 BEGINNING OF EVERY BOARD HEARING IN OUR CODE OF CONDUCT, AND  
17 WE ASK FOR PEOPLE TO COMPLY WITH OUR CODE OF CONDUCT. SO I  
18 WOULD ASK THE BOARD JUST TO CONSIDER THAT IN DECIDING ON  
19 WHETHER TO MAKE THIS MOTION.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT WAS OBVIOUSLY DISRUPTIVE. IT CREATED  
22 AGITATION AND A DEGREE OF EXCITEMENT THAT IS INCONSISTENT WITH  
23 THE ORDERLY PROCEEDINGS OF THIS BOARD. AND I SIMPLY WANT TO  
24 SAY THAT IF AND WHEN IT HAPPENS AGAIN, PEOPLE ARE FOREWARNED  
25 AS TO WHAT THE BOARD IS INCLINED TO DO. WE HAVE ADHERED TO THE



1 LAW, AND WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO DO SO. BUT THE LIMITS ARE BEING  
2 TESTED HERE IN A WAY THAT I THINK IS WELL BEYOND WHAT IS  
3 ACCEPTABLE.

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5 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I ALSO WANT TO REITERATE THAT  
6 THERE ARE POSTINGS THAT ALSO GIVE INFORMATION NOTICE TO THE  
7 PUBLIC ONCE THEY WANT TO SIGN UP AND SPEAK THAT THERE'S  
8 NOTIFICATION THERE IF THEY FIND ANY LANGUAGE THAT'S OFFENSIVE  
9 TO PLEASE REPORT THAT TO US. I WOULD ASK THAT THE AUDIENCE BE  
10 DILIGENT ABOUT THAT, AS WELL. IF YOU FIND SOMETHING REPULSIVE,  
11 THAT IS EXTRAORDINARY, THAT YOU DON'T THINK IS FIT, THEN YOU  
12 NEED TO BRING THAT TO OUR ATTENTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
13 LET'S CONTINUE, PLEASE, WITH PUBLIC COMMENT.

14

15 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN, A RESIDENT FROM THE THIRD  
16 DISTRICT, AND SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF MYSELF, I, TOO, AM DEEPLY  
17 OFFENDED BY THESE COMMENTS THAT ARE RACIALLY TINGED AND DEEPLY  
18 OFFENSIVE. SO, I'M HOPING THAT THIS BOARD CAN DO THE RIGHT  
19 THING WITHOUT MAKING DRACONIAN RULES, THOUGH, BECAUSE THE BEST  
20 DEFENSE IS TO SIMPLY IGNORE THAT STUFF AND MOVE FORWARD  
21 QUICKLY. AND THAT IS THE OPPOSITE OF WHAT WE'VE DONE. I KNOW  
22 THE EMOTIONS ARE DEEP. I FEEL DEEPLY UPSET BY SOME OF THAT  
23 MYSELF, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'RE DOING. BUT WE DON'T WANT  
24 TO SEE AS MUCH OF THAT AS WE'RE SEEING, AND HOPEFULLY THAT  
25 WILL BE REDUCED, YOU KNOW. BUT THAT'S BAD. OKAY. SO SHIFTING



1 GEARS TO MY QUICK PUBLIC COMMENT, I'M EXCITED ABOUT A NEW  
2 CHAPTER, SORT OF. AND I'M PLEASED THAT THE BOARD IS MAKING  
3 GESTURES TOWARDS REFINING SOME OF ITS POLICIES. I THINK THIS  
4 IS A GOOD EXAMPLE. AND WHEN AN AGENCY, LIKE THE COUNTY BOARD  
5 OR ANY OF THEM, YOU CAN TELL A LOT ABOUT AN AGENCY BY HOW THEY  
6 TAKE CRITICISM. AND, YOU KNOW, I'M A LITTLE BIT OF A CRITIC,  
7 I'LL ADMIT. AND THOUGH I HAVE FILED SOME CRITICISMS, I HAVE  
8 NOT BEEN UTTERLY OVERWHELMED WITH JOY WITH THE RESPONSE TO  
9 SOME OF THEM, BECAUSE THEY ARE OFFERED IN THE FORM OF PUBLIC -  
10 - YOU KNOW, I'M A LITTLE BIT OF A WATCHDOG, SO I'LL SEE  
11 SOMETHING AND I'LL RAISE IT, SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING --  
12 AND THEN OFTEN IT WILL RESULT IN SILENCE. AND THE COUNTY  
13 COUNSEL IS THE ONE WHO HAS HER HAND ON THAT LEVER, BECAUSE IN  
14 COUNTY GOVERNMENT, A LOT OF THE COMPLAINTS GO DIRECTLY TO THE  
15 COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE, AND THEN THEY GET ROUTED FOR THE WAY  
16 THEY'RE DEALT WITH. SPECIFICALLY, I'VE ASKED ABOUT SOME OF THE  
17 LEGAL FIGHTS THAT WE ARE ENGAGED IN. THERE'S A GROUP CALLED  
18 MEYERS NAVE. I'VE ASKED JUST TO SEE WHAT WORK WE'VE DONE WITH  
19 THEM, AND IT'S BEEN CONSISTENTLY DENIED. THAT'S RIDICULOUS.  
20 YOU HAVE TO, AND THE CITY DOES AND OTHERS DO. THERE HAVE BEEN  
21 INSTANCES, FOR EXAMPLE, WHERE I'VE ASKED ABOUT THE A.E.C.O.M.,  
22 BIG CONTRACTOR WORKS WITH US, LOTS OF EXCITING PROJECTS. WE  
23 SHOULD KNOW THE SCOPE OF THAT WORK. I WOULD ASK YOUR COUNTY  
24 COUNSEL TO PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION TIMELY AND APPROPRIATELY.  
25 AND THANK YOU.



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2 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR STATEMENT.  
3 NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.  
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5 **MICHAEL PITKIN:** I AM MICHAEL PITKIN, AND I SENT ALL OF YOU AN  
6 EMAIL APPROXIMATELY NOVEMBER 28TH. IT WAS A REQUESTING UNITED  
7 STATES GOVERNMENT MEDIATION REQUEST. AND THE LETTER WAS ALSO  
8 SENT OUT TO A -- A FEW SNIPPETS HERE -- TO MICHAEL WEINSTEIN  
9 FROM A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION AND THE COUNTY OF LOS  
10 ANGELES COMMISSION ON H.I.V. I AM AN H.I.V. CLIENT, AND I'VE  
11 BEEN FOLLOWING AND ATTENDING THE MEETINGS AT THE LOS ANGELES  
12 COUNTY COMMISSION ON H.I.V. SINCE 2014. THE COMMISSION NEEDS  
13 TO HAVE IN ITS MISSION STATEMENT A DESIRE FOR AN H.I.V. CURE  
14 SO AS NOT TO CONTINUE DOWN THE SAME OLD, SAME OLD. THE H.I.V.  
15 CURE MISSION STATEMENT THEN NEEDS TO BE WRITTEN INTO POLICY  
16 AND PROCEDURE MANUALS, SO THAT IT IS A LIVING DOCUMENT  
17 REFLECTIVE IN THE H.I.V./A.I.D.S. CONTINUUM OF CARE PROCESS OF  
18 SYSTEMIC INDICATORS AND OUTCOMES OF POPULATION-BASED IMPACT.  
19 IN ORDER TO GET TO A SUCCESSFUL H.I.V. CURE IN LOS ANGELES,  
20 THERE CANNOT BE STRAINED WORKING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN  
21 A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION, MICHAEL WEINSTEIN, THE  
22 COMMISSION ON H.I.V., AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TRUST ME.  
23 THERE'S A TRICKLE-DOWN EFFECT. LOYALTIES PERMEATE EVERY PUBLIC  
24 AND PRIVATE SECTOR IN LOS ANGELES. THESE LOYALTIES ARE NOT  
25 HEALTHY TO PARITY, INCLUSION AND REPRESENTATION WHEN THEY ARE



1 DESTRUCTIVE. YOU CANNOT HAVE LAWSUITS FROM A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE  
2 FOUNDATION, MICHAEL WEINSTEIN, AND EXPECT LOYALTIES IN THE  
3 MEN-WHO-HAVE- SEX-WITH-MEN H.I.V. COMMUNITY. I WOULD NOW LIKE  
4 THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO RESOLVE THE DESTRUCTIVE LOYALTIES FROM  
5 ALL SIDES BETWEEN MICHAEL WEINSTEIN, THE COUNTY COMMISSION ON  
6 H.I.V., AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THIS  
7 IS NOT ONLY FOR THE CURE BUT FOR ME AS A PATIENT, AND I CAN  
8 GIVE THE REST HERE TO YOU.

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10 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THE NEXT WITNESS.

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12 **DR. ARYEH COHEN:** HI, THANK YOU. I'M RABBI DR. ARYEH COHEN. I  
13 AM WITH THE BLACK-JEWISH JUSTICE ALLIANCE, AND I AM THE RABBI  
14 IN RESIDENCE AT BEND THE ARC: A JEWISH PARTNERSHIP FOR  
15 JUSTICE. A NUMBER OF PEOPLE HAVE MENTIONED ALREADY, A YEAR AGO  
16 WE CELEBRATED THE PASSING OF THE RESOLUTION TO CREATE THE  
17 CIVIL OVERSIGHT COMMISSION TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. IT'S  
18 BEEN A YEAR. AND I WAS VERY HAPPY TO HEAR THE CHAIR SAY THAT  
19 ON ONE OF THE NEXT MEETINGS, THIS WILL BE ON THE AGENDA AGAIN.  
20 I WANT TO -- I HOPE THAT IT WILL BE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I  
21 WANT TO REITERATE THE SUPPORT OF BOTH THE BLACK-JEWISH JUSTICE  
22 ALLIANCE AND THEN BEND THE ARC OF THE NONNEGOTIABLES THAT  
23 DIGNITY AND POWER NOW HAVE PUT FORWARD, ESPECIALLY THE  
24 NECESSITY FOR SUBPOENA POWER IN ANY M.O.U. AFTER WHAT WE'VE  
25 SEEN HAPPEN IN CHICAGO WITH THE CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT AND



1 THE NECESSITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO INTERVENE, IT IS  
2 MORE THAN OBVIOUS WHY THERE'S NECESSITY FOR SUBPOENA POWER.  
3 WITHOUT THE SUBPOENA POWER, VIDEOS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS WILL  
4 NOT GET TO THE PUBLIC EYE. THE SECOND THING I WANTED TO SAY IS  
5 THAT I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR THERE TO BE PUBLIC INPUT  
6 INTO THE M.O.U. ITSELF AND NOT COME WITH A FINISHED DRAFT THAT  
7 WE CAN JUST -- THAT CAN BE JUST VOTED ON UP OR DOWN. THE WORK  
8 OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION WAS  
9 VERY HELPFUL AND WAS VERY PRODUCTIVE BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT  
10 THERE WAS CONSTANT PUBLIC INPUT AND THERE WERE MANY TOWNHALL-  
11 TYPE MEETINGS WHEREIN THE PUBLIC WAS ABLE TO COMMENT AND BRING  
12 FORWARD ITS CONCERNS. AND ITS PRODUCT, IN THE END, WAS VERY  
13 POSITIVE. I JUST HOPE THAT THE -- ULTIMATELY THE COUNCIL COMES  
14 TO AN AGREEMENT ON CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT, WHICH INCLUDES SUBPOENA  
15 POWER, NOT HAVING MEMBERS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THE FINAL  
16 PRODUCT. THANK YOU.

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18 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OUR LAST WITNESS, I BELIEVE.  
19 THANK YOU.

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21 **EDDIE SANCHEZ:** HELLO. MY NAME IS EDDIE SANCHEZ, STUDENT AT  
22 C.A.L.O. YOUTHBUILD. I'M HERE TODAY ADDRESSING THE FACT THAT  
23 IT'S BEEN A YEAR SINCE THE COUNTY VOTED TO CREATE AN  
24 INDEPENDENT CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. YET, TODAY, THERE  
25 IS STILL NO CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT OF THE L.A.S.D. THERE HAVE



1 ALREADY BEEN 18 OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS RESULTING IN DEATH  
2 THIS YEAR. THE MAJORITY OF THESE INCIDENTS INVOLVE BLACK AND  
3 BROWN MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, AND AT LEAST A THIRD WERE  
4 UNARMED. THE CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD HAS BEEN OUR FIGHT TO RE-  
5 ESTABLISH BALANCE IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE HAVE PUT IN OUR TIME  
6 AND STRUGGLED TO TRY TO BRING SOME JUSTICE INTO OUR STREETS  
7 AND THIS IS NOT SOMETHING WE SHOULD TAKE OUR TIME WITH AND WE  
8 NEED THIS NOW. I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK MISS HILDA SOLIS FOR  
9 ADDRESSING OUR CONCERNS WITH THE BOARD.

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11 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MEMBERS, THAT  
12 CONCLUDES THIS PORTION OF THE MEETING. I'LL ASK NOW THAT WE BE  
13 TAKEN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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15 **AVIANNA URIBE, ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN  
16 ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF  
17 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEMS  
18 NO. C.S.-1, C.S.-2 AND C.S.-3, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL  
19 REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION; ITEM NO. C.S.-4, PUBLIC  
20 EMPLOYMENT, CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE  
21 POSITION OF COUNTY LIBRARIAN; ITEM NO. C.S.-5, PUBLIC  
22 EMPLOYMENT, CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE  
23 POSITION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; ITEM NO.  
24 C.S.-6, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS; ITEM NO.  
25 C.S.-7, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR SACHI HAMAI AND



1 DESIGNATED STAFF; AND ITEM NO. C.S.-8, CONFERENCE LEGAL  
2 COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, AS  
3 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDAS. THANK YOU.

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1        **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION DECEMBER 8, 2015**

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5        No reportable action was taken on items CS-1, 4, CS-5, CS-6,  
6        CS-7 or CS-8.

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8        CS-2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION  
9        (Paragraph (1) of Subdivision 9d) of Government Code Section  
10       54956.9) New Cingular Wireless PCS. LLC; Donald Sipple et al.  
11       v. City of Alameda, et al. Los Angeles Superior Court Case  
12       No.: BC 462270

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14       This lawsuit seeks a refund of utility user taxes. (15-5738)

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16       The Board authorized settlement of the matter entitled New  
17       Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC; Donald Sipple, et al v. City of  
18       Alameda, et al. The details of the settlement will be made  
19       available once finalized by all parties.

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21       The vote of the Board was unanimous with all Supervisors being  
22       present.

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24       CS-3 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION  
25       (Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section



1 54956.9) City of Azusa, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et  
2 al. Los Angeles Superior court Case No.: BS 152744.

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4 This lawsuit challenges property tax administrative fees  
5 charged to cities. (15-5739)

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7 The Board authorized County Counsel to file an appeal in the  
8 matter entitled City of Azusa, et al. v. County of Los  
9 Angeles, et al.

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11 The vote of the Board was unanimous with all Supervisors being  
12 present.



1 I, JENNIFER A. HINES, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number  
2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do  
3 hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los  
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors December 8, 2015,  
6 were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my  
7 direction and supervision;

8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived  
9 in the office of the reporter and which have been provided to  
10 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by  
11 me.

12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor  
13 related to any party to the said action; nor  
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this  
16 14th day of December 2015, for the County records to be used  
17 only for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts  
18 as on file of the office of the reporter.

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20 JENNIFER A. HINES

21 CSR No. 6029/RPR/CRR  
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